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CITY OF ALTONA *Proclamation Ceremony*

THE PROCLAMATION CEREMONY OF THE CITY OF ALTONA BY THE GOVERNOR OF VICTORIA WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE LAWNS IN FRONT OF THE CIVIC OFFICES THIS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21.

IN THE COURSE OF AN IMPRESSIVE PROGRAMME HIS EXCELLENCY MAJOR-GENERAL, SIR ROHAN DELACOMBE WILL PROCLAIM ALTONA A CITY.

The Honourable R. J. Hamer, Minister for Local Government, will make a presentation of the Mayoral robes, chain of office and Town Clerk's gown.

His worship the Mayor of the City of Altona will respond. Shire President, Cr. W. L. J. Crofts, is Mayor-elect.

The people of Altona are invited to witness these ceremonies. Special provision has been made for seating of the infirm and pioneer citizens.

The order of events will be as follows —

Arrival at the Civic Offices at 2 p.m. of the Vice Regal party.

Inspection of Guard of Honour of young people.

Address of welcome by the President of the Shire of Altona.

Proclamation of the City of Altona by the Governor.

Presentation of Mayoral robes, chain of office and Town Clerk's gown.

Response by the Mayor of the City of Altona.

Prayer of dedication by the Rev. John B. Lawley.

Governor to plant tree to commemorate the occasion.

The official party then leaves the lawns for the first meeting in the Council

Chamber of the City of Altona councillors.

On his way to the Chamber the Governor will unveil a commemorative plaque.

A limited number of citizens and distinguished visitors will witness this inaugural meeting. Closed circuit television of the historic occasion will be available in the Civic Hall.

The opening prayer will be read by the Town Clerk.

Certain formal notices will be placed before Council and the closing prayer will be read by the Rev. Father J. A. Nooney.

At the conclusion of the Proclamation Ceremony afternoon tea will be available to the public in the marquees near the scout hall.

After the Council meeting at about 3 p.m. the Vice Regal party and distinguished visitors will join the public on the lawns of Grant Reserve.

A Christmas Message from the President of the Shire of Altona



Cr. W. LESLIE J. CROFTS, J.P.

To the residents of the Shire of Altona and particularly to the readers of this Newspaper, it is my pleasure to extend Christmas greetings and express the wish for a happy and safe holiday for all. Mrs. Crofts and the members of my family also join with me in these wishes.

Whilst we think of peace on earth and good will toward men, I feel the time is appropriate for each of us to consider the menace which is always with us — the risk of accident by traffic and misadventure. I appeal to motorists to exercise caution and common sense at all times, to pedestrians to be alert and co-operative and to swimmers not to be foolhardy. In whatever activity one is engaged during the holiday period and for that matter in 1969, it is my wish that there be no accidents or mishaps.

May I express also the appreciation of Council for the co-operation which Council has received from the organisations in the Altona Shire in the past year.

In the year now ending, the Cultural Organisations have contributed their various efforts, the Drama Group has had successful seasons, the Film Society and in particular the Junior Film Society has had many successful functions. The Camera Club, Youth Clubs, and Music Society have also held very successful functions. Beta Sigma Phi Ladies held a successful week-end Art Show at Altona. There are many other organisations in Altona which are deserving of thanks for their contribution to the welfare of the community and without naming them individually, Council is most appreciative of their efforts.

Finally, on behalf of Altona Council, my wife and myself, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a bright and rewarding New Year.

**LES CROFTS,
Shire President.**

We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
Oh, come to us, abide with us
Our Lord Emmanuel.

Thou didst leave thy throne
and thy kingly crown

When thou camest to earth
for me;
But in Bethlehem's home
there was found no room
For thy Holy Nativity
Oh, come to my heart
Lord Jesus.
There is room in my heart
for Thee.

Past History

In the middle of the last century the Crown had this district surveyed and the Altona of to-day was divided into the Parishes of Truganina and Cut Paw Paw.

Seventy years later the 1928 the fifth Riding which was called Altona Riding was created.

Exactly 29 years later on the 29th day of May 1957 Altona was proclaimed a separate Shire — the Shire of Altona.

To-day, eleven and a half years later Altona is on the eve of becoming a City — on December 21, 1968.

HOW ALTONA WAS NAMED

The following notes come from a past President of Altona Historical Society and former Shire President of Altona, Mr. V. L. Heara, who died whilst President of the Shire in 1966.

"Altona evidently gets its name from Altona, Hamburg, in Germany. Altona in Germany was a coal mining area. During 1860/1880 a German named Taegtown lived at Newport. For a time he conducted a brewery in Osborne St., Williamstown. He dreamt of vast coal wealth in this area as the topography soil and deposits resembled those of Altona in Germany, his hometown. He always referred to the district as Altona so when a shaft was eventually sunk and both black and brown coals were found, the coal was called Altona coal and the area became known as Altona. Between 1890 and 1931, coal was mined at Altona — for economical reasons due to competition with open cut mining, the mining at Altona ceased — the Shire Council has installed a monument at the site of one of the first mine shafts at 1 mile west of these offices".

The Altona Star

The Altona Star extends its felicitations to the Council and people of Altona on the occasion of the inauguration of the City of Altona.

Throughout the years the Altona Star has witnessed the growth and progress of the Shire and its institutions. In that development many have shared.

The foresight and perseverance of the early pioneers, the initiative and self giving service of its leaders, the achievements of industry and the unanimity of its people have under Providence made Altona.

Every citizen of Altona can have pride and satisfaction in Altona and bright hopes for its future.

Each of Altona's young people can be happy in the knowledge that he or she will not only see the birth of a city, but also have some part in its growth. The past has assured Altona's present accession to City status. Its future is in the hands of its citizens and their children.

COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON

The Altona Star thanks its readers, correspondents and advertisers, for their co-operation and support.

It wishes them a happy Christmas season and a prosperous year to follow. Events in Altona have made this year a memorable one and the times to come, years of promise. That this should be so as regards the municipality and also at the personal level, is the hope of the Altona Star.

No Room in the Inn

There was no room in the inn for the infant Jesus.

The inn was already fully occupied. In it were people busy with their present needs but with their main thoughts on the future, where they were going and what they would do. There was good fellowship and the night passed without event.

In the morning they took their leave and went on their way. They had seen no signs. They had never heard of the newly born Jesus. They went as they came with no room in their hearts for any but their personal circumstances.

And the inn and its people were forgotten. But in the stable there was room.

Room for Mary and Joseph, room for a manger, room for Jesus and room for simple shepherds — and wise men.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

In order that the staff may enjoy their annual holidays, and following the usual practice of suburban newspapers, there will be no issues of the Altona Star on Wednesdays, December 25, January 1 and 8. The first issue in the New Year will be on Wednesday, January 15.

There was room for life and love, for faith and realization — for insight and worship.

There was room for God's self revealing gift to man. There was room for the only way back to God.

And when the time was past each of those who left the stable went out different men or women. There had been room for so much in the stable. And the stable has not yet been forgotten.

There is always room in the minds of Christians, for the place where divinity and humanity so met.

There too is room in every heart for the divine birth. The changes that were wrought in the stable can be repeated in every human life, providing it is not excluded by "There is no room in the inn".

And in this Christmas time in Altona will there be room?

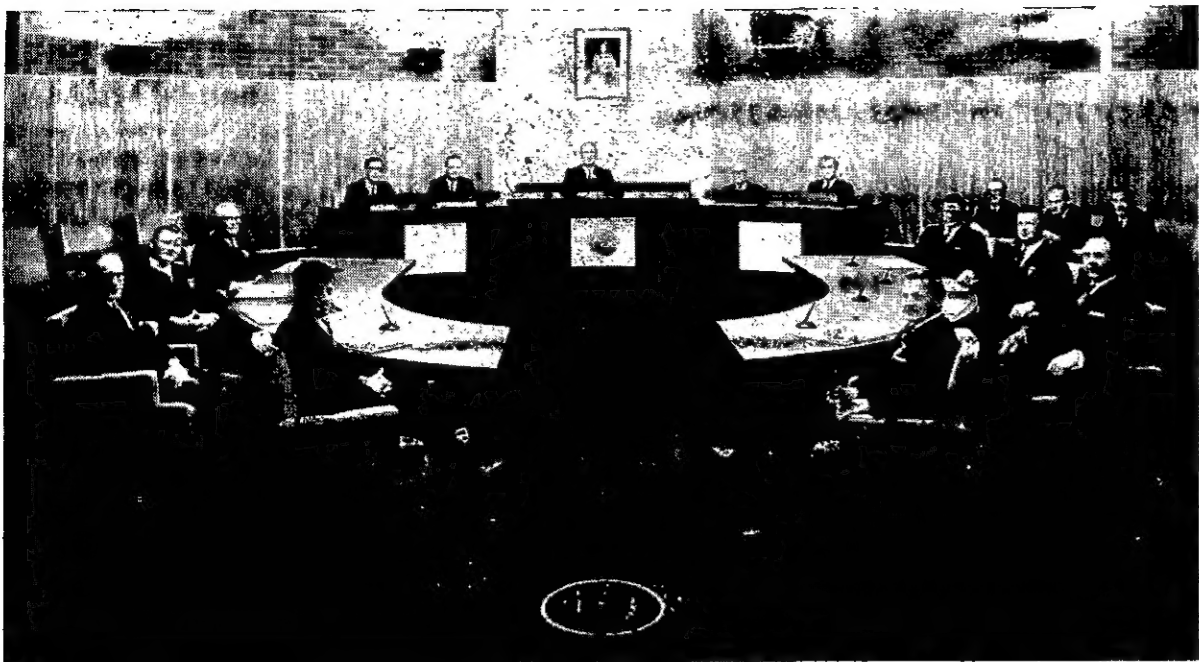
There will be room for personal and social interests and activity. There will be room for pride in Altona. There will be room for happiness and sorrow. But will there be room for love and compassion, the joy and peace of God and innate goodness and kindness.

Room for Jesus in your heart and mine.

O Holy Child of Bethlehem Descend to us, we pray: Cast out our sin and enter in;

Be borne in us today.

The Thirteenth Council



CR. W. L. J. CROFTS,
J.P., A.M.T.C., M.I.B.F.,
Shire President.

Elected 26-2-66 and re-elected August 1966.

Councillor Les Crofts is a great asset to any Council and is a tireless worker for the community of Altona. Budgetary Control was introduced when Cr. Crofts was Chairman, Finance. These Controls will ensure that Altona's finances will in future be in a sound position.

- Resident of Altona 20 years, previously lived at Williamstown for 13 years.
- Married — 3 children.
- Metallurgist — Australian Defence Scientific Service.
- President of Seaholme State School Committee.
- Member of Altona Bowling Club.
- Deputy Chairman Western Suburbs Memorial Park and Floral Lawn Cemetery.
- Deputy Chairman Williamstown and General Cemetery.
- Secretary Altona Branch, A.N.A.



CR. P. A. BURNS
Elected 26-8-67.

Portfolio — Cultural Activities.

Cr. Pat Burns has shown that the years of community service given to Fernree Gully Shire during which he served a term of Shire President has made it easy to undertake Council duties in Altona. The Portfolio of Cultural Activities is a demanding one and he plays his part to culture activities in Altona. He is Chairman of the Altona Arts Advisory Council and President of Altona Municipal Band.



CR. J. J. GINIFER,
J.P., M.L.A.

Elected 27-8-60. Re-elected 1963 and 1966.

Holds the Portfolio of Junior Council and M.M.B.W. Commissioner.

Councillor John Ginifer is the father of the Councillors being the 13th elected member 8 years ago. He had had previous experience as a Councillor in the City of Williamstown. He was 9th Shire President in 1964/65 and being a school teacher took an active interest in youth activities and launched the Altona Junior Councillors — probably the first Junior Council in Victoria. He was elected Commissioner of the Board of Works in February 1963 and has retained the Portfolio for Junior Council activities and Board of Works Commissioner since then. He is a member of the Legislative Assembly for Deer Park. The progress of drainage and sewerage works has been no doubt accelerated by Cr. Ginifer's interest and activities in the Board of Works.



CR. P. J. LYNCH, J.P.

Elected — 26-8-67.

Portfolio — Education and Kindergartens.

Cr. Pat Lynch has taken a great interest in his Portfolio of Education and Kindergartens. He is bringing to Council much valuable information on education in Altona. Cr. Pat Lynch of Altona North is a Master Painter. He is keenly interested and active in communal activities and Altona North development — Secretary of Altona North Youth Club, on the Committee of St. Paul's Junior Football Club, active church and social worker.



CR. D. K. GRANT,
J.P., A.R.A.C.I., A.M.T.C.
Elected 26-8-67.

Portfolio — Pollution and Health.

Cr. Doug Grant is a member of a well known and respected family which has been resident in Altona for over 50 years and an Uncle, John Grant was a Councillor for Altona Riding in the Shire of Werribee for many years and indeed the Reserve on which the Civic Offices stand was named after the former Councillor, John Grant. Cr. Grant is Section Superintendent and is an Industrial Chemist by profession at I.C.I. at Laverton. He holds the Diploma for Applied Chemistry and is a Member of the Clean Air Society of Australia and New Zealand, an Associate Member of the Oil and Colour Chemicals Association of Australia, and for the past 21 years has been an Associate member of the Royal Australian Chemical Institute.

He is a member of Altona High School Council and Hospital Committee of Management. His vocation makes him ideal for the important portfolio he holds — he was recently able to give first hand evidence to the Senate Select Committee investigating Air Pollution and will liaise with a similar Committee on Water Pollution.



CR. J. I. STEWART

Elected — 24-8-1968.

Portfolio — Town Planning.

Cr. Ian Stewart's Portfolio of Town Planning has brought him into close contact with several organisations in Altona which have been provided for in the Council's estimates for building extensions — Elderly Citizens Club Rooms, Yacht Club and Altona North Youth Hall.

He is Council's representative on the Elderly Citizens Welfare Committee. He is an experienced broadcaster and TV commentator associated with motor sport and a past member of the Toast Masters Public Speaking Club.



J. W. WATERS,
F.I.M.A.,
Shire Secretary.



CR. HARRY WEAVER, J.P.

Elected — 16-12-67.

Portfolio — Public Relations and Social Welfare.

Cr. Harry Weaver has been in Council one year this week. He has successfully moved that a Committee be formed to investigate ways and means of obtaining a centrally situated swimming pool in Altona.

As his home and work are near the beach area of our Shire, he has taken up a personal challenge to improve beach facilities. He has lived in Altona for 30 years. A builder. Married with three children. Past Vice-President Altona Hospital Board of Management. Foundation Member and President Altona Apex Club 1964-65. President Altona Historical Society 1964-65. Member Altona Working Men's Club. Coach Junior School Hockey Team.



CR. R. K. RICHARDS

Elected — 24-8-1968.

Portfolio — Local Organisations.

Cr. Ray Richards is the "baby" of the Council in age and elected time on the Council. He understands the problems of many Altona North ratepayers. A family man with a young family, makes him ideal for his Portfolio which takes him into contact with many young people in Altona.



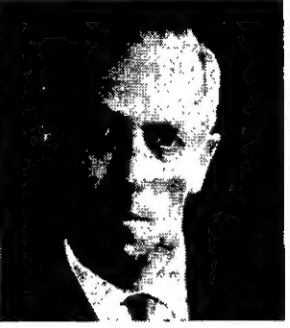
CR. C. W. CARLSSON

Elected — 4-5-1968; Re-elected 24-8-1968.

Portfolio — Transport and Communications.

Cr. Charles Carlsson, with other Councillors, recently met the Minister for Transport, the Hon. Mr. Wilcox, and from this visit an early start can be expected on the Millers Road Grade Separation over the Geelong Railway Line at Paisley Railway Station.

He is a resident of Altona North and works in the district. He is Treasurer of the Melbourne Speed Boat and Runabout Club. He is married with three children and feels that more youth activities, and particularly a swimming pool, are desirable when finance is available.



R. C. SIMMONS,
B.C.E.,
Shire Engineer.

RECORD OF SHIRE COUNCILLORS SINCE SEVERANCE

Date Elected:	NAMES OF COUNCILLORS	Details of Service:
31/5/57	LOGAN, Reginald.	Rel. 29/8/59, Res. 8/11/60.
31/5/57	RANSOM, George Henry.	Def. 29/8/59.
31/5/57	KIM, Henry Charles.	Def. 29/8/59.
31/5/57	LANGSHAW, Alfred William.	Rel. 30/8/58, Res. 8/11/60.
31/5/57	CRESSER, Walter George.	Rel. 30/8/58, Rel. 26/8/61, RU 29/8/64, Def. 25/8/67.
31/5/57	COOPER, Ronald James.	Rel. 30/8/58, Rel. 26/8/61, Ret. 28/8/64.
31/5/57	FORD, Alfred Herbert.	Def. 24/8/57.
31/5/57	RUSH, Frederick.	Ret. 24/8/57.
31/5/57	McINTYRE, Catherine Margaret Mary.	Rel. 24/8/57, Def. 27/8/60.
24/8/57	FRAZER, Robert.	Ret. 27/8/60.
24/8/57	WATSON, Reginald James.	Ret. 27/8/60.
29/8/59	BOND, Alexander William.	RU 25/8/62, Rel. 28/8/65, Ret. 24/8/68.
29/8/59	DEN DULK, Gerardus.	RU 25/8/62, Rel. 28/8/65, Ret. 29/3/68.
27/8/60	GINIFER, John Joseph.	RU 24/8/63, Rel. 27/8/66.
27/8/60	HEARN, Vincent Lawrence.	RU 24/8/63, Dec'd. 24/1/66.
27/8/60	McINTOSH, Stanley Gordon.	RU 24/8/63, Rel. 27/8/66, Dec'd. 19/11/67.
3/12/60	LEE, Harland William.	RU 25/8/62, Rel. 28/8/65, Ret. 24/8/68.
3/12/60	IRWIN, William John.	Rel. 26/8/61, Ret. 28/8/64.
29/8/64	FISHER, Anthony John.	Ret. 25/8/67.
29/8/64	JURGA, Kasimir.	Ret. 25/8/67.
26/2/66	CROFTS, William Leslie Joseph.	Rel. 27/8/66.
26/8/67	BURNS, Patrick Aloysius.	
26/8/67	GRANT, Douglas Keith.	
26/8/67	LYNCH, Patrick Joseph.	
16/12/67	WEAVER, Harry.	
4/5/68	CARLSSON, Charles Walter.	
24/8/68	RICHARDS, Raymond Kevin.	
24/8/68	STEWART, John Ian.	

ABBREVIATIONS: RU — Re-elected Unopposed;
Rel. — Re-elected; Res. — Resigned; Ret. — Retired; Def. — Defeated; Dec'd — Deceased.
(Date is election day).

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Shire Secretary-Treasurer—James William Waters, F.I.M.A. (1/10/57).
Shire Engineer—Ralph Carnegie Simmons, B.C.E., Qualified Municipal Engineer, Qualified Water Supply Engineer (18/1/58).

Mr. Norman G. Minns, F.I.M.A., Secretary of the Shire of Werribee, was secretary pro. temp. from severance to 30/9/57.

Mr. Ambrose McCormack, Engineer of the Shire of Werribee, was consulting engineer from severance to 18/1/58.

Council Holiday Arrangements

The Civic Offices will close from 4.40 p.m. on Thursday, December 24, 1968, (Christmas Eve) and re-open 8.30 a.m. on Friday, January 3, 1969.

Library Services will also close for a similar break from 5 p.m. on Christmas Eve until 12 Noon on Friday, January 3. The Librarian, Miss Cynthia Paltridge, reminds borrowers that special arrangements will be made for extra books to be issued for holiday reading to registered subscribers.

Infant Welfare Services will be closed between Christmas and New Year and re-open for the usual sessions on Friday, January 3.

Emergency
Phone Number:
398 1516.

GARBAGE SERVICE

CHRISTMAS DAY:
Garbage due for collection on Wednesday, December 25, 1968, (Christmas Day) will be collected on Thursday, December 26.

BOXING DAY:
Garbage will be collected as usual on Thursday, December 26, (Boxing Day).

NEW YEAR'S DAY:
Garbage will be collected as usual on Wednesday, January 1, 1969, (New Year's Day).

SANITARY SERVICE

Generally speaking services will be on the same days as usual but some variations in hours will be made. Some houses which are serviced on Christmas Day will be cleared on the 24th. Co-operation of householders is sought by having gates unlocked and dogs tied up.

Emergency
phone numbers:
314 6836
314 4972
68 7165

An Invitation to Residents to attend The City Celebrations

PROTECT THE BEACH THIS SUMMER

Removal of sand from Altona Beach is prohibited but the removal of seaweed is permitted if a written permit is obtained from the Civic Offices.

Dogs which are apprehended on the beach not on a leash will be seized and impounded by the Council Ranger.

The bathing of horses on the foreshore is prohibited except north of the boat ramp area and beyond a point 800 feet west of Maidstone Street.

PRIVATE STREETS PAYMENT

Quarterly private streets payments fall due on the first of January and should be paid within 14 days.

Please forward the green card with the payment. The Civic Offices will be closed until 8.30 a.m. on Friday, January 3.

WHAT'S YOUR NUMBER

What about a Christmas present of new numbers for your house — that is if the present number is obliterated or hard to read due to shrubbery which has grown or a shadow from a lamp post or such.

Frequently complaints are heard at the Civic Offices from taxi drivers, delivery trucks, and other folk engaged on necessary business, that it is most difficult to find the numbers of houses because some folk just do not display a number or in other places the number is out of sight — particularly at night time.

On Saturday, December 21, 1968, Altona is to be favoured by a visit by the Governor of Victoria Major-General, Sir Rohan Delacombe and Lady Delacombe. His Excellency will proclaim the City of Altona.

The Minister for Local Government the Honourable R. J. Hamer, E.D., M.L.C., will also take part in the Proclamation Ceremony. Distinguished guests will include Members of Federal and State Parliaments, Mayors and Shire Presidents of neighbouring municipalities, past Councillors and representatives of industry, commerce, schools and local organisations.

This day will therefore be an exciting and historic occasion for Altona and I therefore invite all residents to share with Council the elevation of Altona to City status.

The Proclamation Ceremony will take place on the lawns in front of the Civic Offices. Limited seating will be available for pioneer, senior and invalid citizens who apply direct to the Civic Offices.

If the weather is inclement, arrangements have been made for closed circuit television to relay the Proclamation Ceremony from the Council Chamber to the Committee Room and Civic Hall.

Special arrangements have also been made for afternoon tea for the children and adults.

A cordial invitation is issued to all readers to attend.

LES CROFTS,
Shire President.

RUBBISH DUMPING FINE \$200

Any person who, without the consent of the Council, deposits any refuse or rubbish on any land or road shall be guilty of an offence according to the Local Government Act — the maximum penalty is \$200.

In addition, any person convicted of an offence shall pay the Council costs of removal by the Council of such rubbish or refuse.

Recently a rubbish dumper was fined \$120 in the Williamstown Court for dumping rubbish on a road side.

The Council Tip is at the west end of Blackshaws Road, Altona North.

COUNCIL MEETING PLACES

The First Meeting of the Shire of Altona was held on June 5, 1957, in the Municipal Offices numbered 118 Queen Street.

With the demolition of the picture theatre at the corner of Pier and Queen Streets and its replacement by shops, the office was renumbered 128 and is now known as the "Altona Organisations Centre".

From February 6, 1962: Council meetings took place in the Recreation Room of the Altona Elderly Citizens' Club at number 2 Sargood Street.

But from September 24, 1963 — November 26, 1963: Council meetings were held in the old Council Chamber at 128 Queen St.

The Civic Offices buildings at 115 Civic Parade were opened on December 7, 1963. A special commemorative Council meeting was held in the new Council Chamber following the outdoor official opening ceremony.

ATTEND A COUNCIL MEETING IN 1969

The Altona City Council will meet on the second and fourth Monday of each month, January excluded, during 1969 at 8 p.m.

There is accommodation in the gallery for 30 people and an invitation is issued to ratepayers and other interested persons to attend for all or portion of a Council Meeting. People in the public gallery cannot take part in discussion.

However, ratepayers and interested persons may write to the Council for items to be in the Council Agenda.

Correspondence should be addressed to the Town Clerk in time to reach Mr. Waters by 3 p.m. on the Tuesday preceding the Monday meeting.

DRIVE TO SURVIVE

The Shire President, Cr. W. L. J. Crofts today appealed to every member of the Community, man, woman and child to assist the Road Safety Department of the National Safety Council, Victorian Division, in their "Drive to Survive" campaign by being extremely careful over the holiday period. A period when so many of us are looking forward to a long earned rest.

Many of us will be leaving for far away places and sharing the roads with greater volumes of vehicle and pedestrian traffic. Let us show a little more care, courtesy and consideration towards others. It is so easy to become impatient during the warmer weather, thus adding to the causation of many accidents.

Last Christmas/New Year period, 80 Victorians died and 2,191 were injured between December 20, 1967 and January 20, 1968.

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

Notwithstanding the fact that the Council Meeting on December 9, 1968, was looked upon as the last Meeting of the Shire era and a number of former Councillors attended the meeting and then joined in supper with Councillors, Officers and other folk who attend Council meetings, it was necessary for the Council to meet in Committee on Monday the 16th to attend to a number of urgent items which could not be included in the Agenda for the previous Monday.

As with Committee meetings, time flew and it was not until a little after midnight that the Committee business was completed and the Council then met as a Special Council Meeting to confirm the recommendations of the Committee Meetings and so bring to a conclusion the year's work and the items of the Shire era.

The Special Meeting commenced at 12.29 a.m. and there were 3 people in the public gallery.

RUBBISH TIP HOURS

During the Holiday period the Altona Council Rubbish Tip at the west of Blackshaws Road will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily with the exception of Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

A Council attendant will be on duty at all times to demand and receive the appropriate fee of 20 cents per cubic yard of rubbish — 20 cents for a trailer load and \$1 for a truck load.

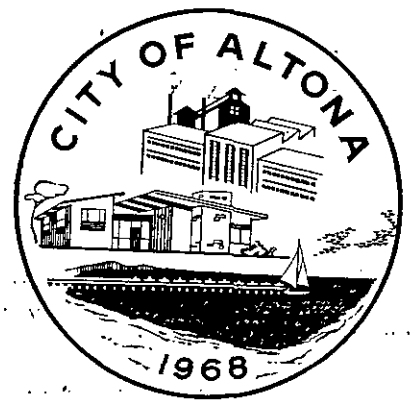
Penalty of up to \$200 for the dumping of rubbish in unauthorised places. Offenders will be prosecuted.

PAYMENT OF RATES

It was reported at the recent Council Committee Meeting that almost \$200,000 of the current rates have been paid to date which accounts for almost 40% of rates by private householders.

Interest will be charged on rates not paid by April 10 and in the case of folk who are paying by instalments if the first instalment is not received by December 31, then interest will accrue on that instalment as at that date. A notice elsewhere shows the holiday arrangements for the Altona Civic Offices and other Council buildings.

THE NEW CITY SEAL



Proclamation Ceremony

at 2 p.m.

Arrival of Vice Regal Party.
Inspection of Guard of Honour of Girl Guides, Brownies, Girls' Brigade, Boys Scouts, Cubs, Boys' Brigade and St. John Ambulance Cadets, by His Excellency the Governor.

Address of Welcome by
President of the Shire of Altona,
Cr. W. L. J. Crofts, J.P.

Proclamation of the Shire of Altona as a City by His Excellency, Major-General, Sir Rohan Delacombe, K.C.M.G., K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., K.St.J., Governor of Victoria.

Presentation of Mayoral Robes, Chain of Office, and Town Clerk's Gown, by The Honourable R. J. Hamer, E.D., M.L.C., Minister for Local Government.

Response by His Worship the Mayor of the City of Altona, Cr. W. L. J. Crofts, J.P.

Prayer of Dedication — The Reverend John B. Lawley.

His Excellency to plant a tree to commemorate the occasion.

At the entry to the Civic Buildings a Commemorative Plaque will be unveiled.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

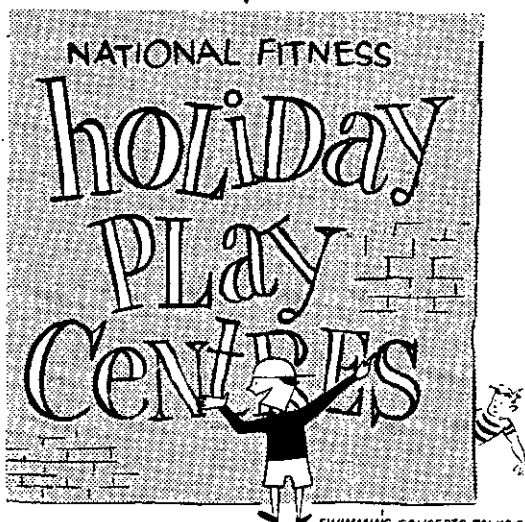
Cr. W. L. J. Crofts	70 Civic Parade, Altona
Cr. J. J. Ginfier, MP	10 Estelle Court, Altona North
Cr. D. K. Grant,	122 Blyth St., Altona
Cr. P. J. Lynch	333 Blackshaws Rd., Altona North
Cr. H. Weaver	46 Queen St., Altona
Mr. H. W. Lee	186 Civic Parade, Altona
Mrs. L. A. Carruthers	62 Upton St., Altona
Mr. H. C. Kim	92 Pier St., Altona
Mr. F. Rush	22 McBain St., Altona
Mr. C. N. Sarros	3A Millers Rd., Altona
Mr. E. E. Barker	8 The Circle, Altona North
Mr. A. W. Bond	43 Clematis Ave., Altona North
Mr. K. Jurga	2 Cleghorn Ave., Altona North
Mr. W. G. Cresser	22 Queen St., Altona
Mr. R. J. Cooper	48 Cooper Ave., Altona North
Mr. W. A. Hyde	39 Bent St., Altona

COMMISSIONERS FOR TAKING AFFIDAVITS UNDER PROVISIONS OF EVIDENCE ACT

Mr. P. A. Burns	97 Queen St., Altona
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EDITORIAL

RING OUT THE OLD — RING IN THE NEW

Now in Altona the imminent New Year message has an added significance. The old year is rapidly passing, a new year draws near. Altona Shire nears its end, Altona City will arise.

Now is the time when ideally we forget the past and look to the future. Now we, with Tennyson would "ring out the old, ring in the new".

The old year and years have witnessed much we would like to forget — our mistakes, our sins of omission and commission. The Shire with its virtues had its shortcomings.

We would, if we could, turn over the page and start afresh. But that we cannot do. The new year may be but the old year with a new date line. The new city may be but the old shire "writ large".

We are what we are because of ourselves and the past. The past years for good or bad are with us always. Our future cannot be separated from what is gone. Altona city will have an undoubted heritage from the past. Just as the Town Clerk and the City Engineer will build upon what has been done, our councillors will find inspiration and incentive in the character and ability of pioneers and early leaders of the community.

There was a great change from the cow pastures of the Werribee-Altona Riding to the self sufficient Altona Shire of today. For the clearer way to the Altona City of tomorrow we owe a debt to the imagination and perseverance of the past.

Ring bells is easy and generally futile. Our attitude to the new city must be significant. "Ring in the new" can be no more than the customary platitudes on our new year cards or it can really mean something.

Something not only for the other person but for each of us. We have been promoted. We are now part of a city with its future just commencing. So much of that future will depend on what has past. Much more will depend on the character of its present and future citizens.

SCOUTS, CUBS, GUIDES, BROWNIES AND ST. JOHN CADETS TO FORM GUARD OF HONOUR

The Guard of Honour to be inspected on Saturday, December 21 by the Governor, Sir Rohan Delacombe, and Lady Delacombe will be formed by local scouts, cubs, guides, brownies and St. John Ambulance cadets.

These young folk wearing correct and clean uniform are to assemble on the vacant block of land at the corner of Pier Street and Civic Parade by 1.45 p.m. from where they will march along Civic Parade to enter the assembly area for the ceremony by the gate just west of the flag poles.

Boys will line up on the edge of the asphalt drive adjacent to the Council Chamber between the flag poles and Grant Reserve driveway.

Girls will line up on the opposite side of this small asphalt driveway. His Excellency's car, escorted by three motor cycle policemen will arrive at 2 p.m.

After the playing of the royal salute by the Altona Municipal Band an inspection of the Guard of Honour will take place.

The Governor will inspect the boys on the right and Lady Delacombe the girls on the left.

When the official party is seated on the dais the Guard of Honour is to come forward and line the west side of the path adjacent to the Council Chamber between the flag poles and the Ceremonial Entry. From this

position, all young people will have a good view of the side of the dais. Television cameras and press photographers will be on the path or perhaps behind the young people forming the guard.

The young people are asked to maintain this position for the whole of the Ceremony which will last about 25 minutes and then they will be able to observe His Excellency plant a tree in the lawns. His Excellency will then come back past them and enter the Ceremonial door for the Special Council Meeting.

At this stage the young people will be marched around the Council Chamber into the Civic Hall where they will be able to view the Special Council Meeting on closed circuit television screens.

A little after 3 p.m. the Special Meeting will conclude and all young people and their leaders are invited to have afternoon tea in the marquees — along with the public who will be attending the function. His Excellency and the official party will be in the marquees also along with His Worship the Mayor, the Mayoress, and Councillors.

STAFFING CHANGES CAUSED GRAVE CONCERN AT ALTONA HIGH

Changes in staff at Altona High School were so numerous and frequent this year that the maintenance of morale and good academic standards caused grave concern, said the principal, Mr. G. L. Shee, in his report last Friday at the annual Presentation Day held in Mount St. Joseph's Assembly Hall.

He said the most dedicated teachers were often brought to the brink of despair, and although they can now look back on a year that is not without its achievements, he is sure they would not want to experience such difficulties again.

This was the conclusion of the first of Mr. Shee's five years as principal and he outlined his policy for the school.

He said for a healthy mind and healthy body academic education should run parallel with physical education and that they are inseparable in educating a whole man or whole woman. He desires a high moral code and "one's word is one's bond".

Mr. Shee said he is at the school to serve but not be subservient.

At all times parents are welcome at the school and he urged them to come along and discuss problems concerning students with him.

Mr. Shee reported that there are two major projects to be undertaken in the foreseeable future.

The Advisory Council has sanctioned the conversion of a shelter shed into a changing room with showers.

And plans are being formulated for the building of an Assembly Hall.

The response to the Adult Education courses has been poor. Classes during Term I were satisfactory but support was lacking in the latter half of the year.

It seems certain the Council of Adult Education will not offer courses in Altona next year because the demand is too small and lecturers are reluctant to travel the distance.

Mr. Shee thanked industry for its interest in the school.

He pointed out that Altona schools were fortunate in having financial help from industry. Schools in other mainly residential districts do not get this assistance.

In turn the local schools desire to feed well trained workers back to industry, concluded Mr. Shee.

Guest Speaker on Presentation Day was a former teacher at the school in 1960. The Rev. Philip J. Newman spoke on his experiences during his stay in America.

Shire President, Cr. W. L. J. Crofts, assisted with the presentation of awards.

A delight during the afternoon was to hear selections from various Gilbert and Sullivan comic operas presented over the past few years — productions which have become a school tradition.

The final musical item — "The First Nowell" — became an emotional farewell by the school choir to their teacher Mr. E. Marsaus who, after eight years, will not be returning to Altona High next year.

AWARDS

Scholastic:

Form 1 — Dianne Westhorpe.
Form 2 — Stephen Jensen.
Form 3 — Robyn Webb.
Form 4 — H. Frederick McArdle.
Form 5 — Humanities: Vera Thompson; Science: Carol McDonald.
Form 6 — Humanities: Trevor Findlay; Science: Norman Kaye.
Citizenship: Citizenship Shield — Jeremy Hunter.

School Awards: Prefects and House Captains: Ludwig Koenig, Henry Ismaili, Jean McQuarrie.
Sport: BOYS — Football — S. Chatfield, R. Zapart.
Swimming — P. Tyrell.
Athletics — J. Hunter.
Soccer — G. McFarlane.
Hockey — J. Hunter, R. Lukoszek, P. Byrne, B. Smith.
Lacrosse — A. Boyd.
Table Tennis — S. Hayes.
Tennis — M. Kelly, J. Trickey.

Girls — Athletics — M. J. Wyllie, R. Jensen, J. Christie.
Tennis — J. Findlay.
Swimming — J. Wise.
Hockey — A. Scherman.
Basketball — R. Webb, R. Douglas.

Special Awards: Duhig Ford Scholarship — Vytautas Juska.
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MILLER — EASTERBY WEDDING



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The wedding of Carol Maree, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Miller, of Lark Street, Altona, to Dennis John, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Easterby, of Park Road, Cheltenham, was celebrated on December 7, at Holy Trinity Church of England, Williamstown.

The bride wore a frock of white organza over satin with a yoke of lace daisies. A white satin bow held her veil in place and she carried a bouquet of daisies. The bridesmaids, Miss Irene Chanter of Benalla, a friend of the bride, and the bride's sister, Joye, had on pale pink frocks of Thai silk with spring ribbon hair pieces and posies of hot pink.

Best man was John Stirling and groomsmen John Horan, friends of the groom. Guests including some from Benalla, Ararat, Avenel and Euroa attended the reception at "Ascot House", Ascot Vale.

The couple are spending their honeymoon touring Tasmania and will make their home at Murrumbidgee.

Christmas Tree — Baptist World Relief

Recently the Kinder, Primary, and Cradle Roll Departments of the Altona Baptist Sunday School held a special night where an offering was taken for the Baptist World Relief (last year's offering by the children was \$28.00). The children also received a small gift from Father Christmas.

This type of meeting is held to encourage children to think of others at Christmas and to help them to remember: "For God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not die but have eternal life".

Wedding:

Lade — Carruthers

On Saturday next, December 21, the marriage will take place at 5 p.m., at the Methodist Church, Broadford, between Judith Jane, only daughter of Cr. and Mrs. F. A. Lade of "Wiaora", Strath Creek and Roger, second son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Carruthers of 62 Upton Street, Altona. The reception will be held at the Shire Hall, Broadford.

ALTONA SPASTIC AID COMMITTEE

The Altona Spastic Aid Committee held their final meeting for 1968 at the home of Mrs. Testa, 111 Blyth Street, Altona, on Tuesday, December 10, this took the form of a social get-together, each lady present received a gift. To add to the enjoyment of the afternoon, Mrs. Andrews (supervisor of Chis-Lon) was once again the guest speaker. The main feature was a display of dolls she brought back from countries she visited while overseas.

Mrs. Andrews spoke of different experiences she had while she was away and to the joy of all ladies present. She spoke of a rather unique experience she had while visiting Ireland. Instead of the usual donations of cheques this year the Committee gave Mrs. Andrews permission to buy equipment to be used at the Centre. Mrs. Andrews passed on the good news on Tuesday that she had obtained two electric typewriters with special guards attached these are already being used in the Occupational Unit.

Special Effort, 1 pink girl doll and 1 grey and blue boy doll were won by Mrs. Pritchard of David Street, Altona.

The Committee wish to take this opportunity to wish you one and all, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and to thank you one and all for your support throughout the year.

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STATE SCHOOL AWARDS

The December meeting of the Altona West School Committee was held on December 11. A cheque for \$200 was given to the committee from canteen profits, bringing a total of \$1,000 for the year. The committee wish to thank all concerned in such a good effort.

The annual 6th grade social was held last Friday evening, when scholarship awards were made to top girl, Arlene Wilsner and top boy, Stephen McAllister. The 2nd top girl was Jane Grieves, and 2nd boy, Neil White.

Honour certificates went to 20% of the grade and these will be presented at the school assembly today (Wednesday) at 11.30 a.m.

CHRISTMAS GREETING

FROM THE ALTONA BAPTIST CHURCH

The Season reminds us — That a little less than 2000 years ago Eternal God visited our human life in Person.

His birth at Bethlehem, His Ministry in Galilee and Jerusalem, His death on Calvary, and His Resurrection, demonstrated the victory of Redeeming Love for us all.

May these thoughts enrich your Christmas joy and inspire hope for life in the New Year.

Special services will be held in the church during the Christmas season.

On Sunday, December 21, a Baptismal Service will be held at 11.00 a.m. when a public declaration of faith in Christ will be made by those participating.

At 7.00 p.m. the same day, the deacons of the church will take part in a Christmas service and give their thoughts on different aspects of the Christmas story and what it means to them.

CHRISTMAS DAY: Will be celebrated at 9.30 a.m. when a service of praise will be held and Christmas hymns sung, and we remember the real reason we have a holiday — because Christ came.

WATCHNIGHT SERVICE — NEW YEAR'S EVE

To see the New Year in, a special service will be held at 11.30 p.m. on December 31. Come to this service and start the year right — with God.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EARLY WORKER

To The Editor,

Dear Sir — On the eve of Altona becoming a City, many expressions of achievement to produce this result have been voiced. More especially that of severance.

As one of the original members of the Ratepayers Association whose chief object was to break with Werribee and having served the last 6 years of a 12-year membership as President, I am well aware of its loyal supporters, who did not become councillors.

Weak as the Association was, I am sure that its insistence along with pressures from Williamstown and Footscray finally persuaded the government to send a select committee to investigate.

Always of the opinion that municipal affairs had nothing in common with politics, I stood for Council at our first Shire elections as an independent, only to be speedily eliminated through group set-ups and the complicated preferential system of election. What a difference now.

All my good wishes to our independent councillors and may the destinies of our future City be guided by men of foresight and with independent views.

Yours faithfully,
C. A. TRICKEY,
146 Queen St., Altona.

ONE SOLITARY

LIFE

At this time of the year we celebrate the birth of a man who never owned a house. He never set foot inside a big city. While still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. One of them denied him. He was turned over to his enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed upon a cross between two thieves.

Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today he is the centrepiece of the human race and the leader of progress.

All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that were ever built, all the war planes that ever flew, all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon his earth as powerfully as that One Solitary Life.

Greetings to all for a Holy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

— JOHN GINIFER.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The Editor, Altona Star — Sir:

I thank you for the opportunity to convey a greeting to the citizens of Altona. At this time of the year, we look back and take stock of achievements and look forward into the new year.

What are the outstanding achievements? This week, the Shire of Altona becomes a city when the Queen's representative, the Governor of Victoria attends the Ceremony of Proclamation at the Civic Offices. Surely this is an achievement.

By the end of next year, we are hoping that International Jets will be flying into the new Jetport at Tullamarine. This development will add great impetus to the progress which is taking place to the north west of the city and beyond. We have been concerned about the noise and air pollution problems which large jet aircraft will bring, but let us not forget the outstanding benefits which will greatly outweigh the disadvantages to this area.

During the year, the electorate of Lalor has been considerably reduced in size, and a new electorate of Burke has been created within the old boundaries. In addition, five other sections of the electorate have been transferred to other electorates. Consequently, I

will not have the privilege of representing a number of people of the old seat after the next election, (probably towards the end of next year). I have been asked to stand for the electorate of Bendigo which will take in part of my present electorate. Whatever lies ahead, it has been a great privilege to represent this large and progressive area of nearly 300,000 people, and I will continue to do so to the best of my ability.

At Christmas time we remember a Man who lived on earth for a period of less than half the allotted span of 70 years, but who made more impact on man than anyone else. I should hope we will pause amidst our festivities to remember His birthday.

Christmas greetings to all.
— MERV. LEE.
198 Waterloo Road,
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Engagement O'Brien — Pierce

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At other locations its activities include production of batteries for generating light in torches and roadside warning lamps others expend their energy transforming signals into sound in radios, tape-recorders and rural telephones. Engineers chart changes in sea-bed surrounding coastal structures by using battery-operated devices to track the movement of radio-isotopes planted in the shifting sands.

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Union Carbide also produces "Zendel" polyethylene film which is used for packaging meat, fruit, vegetables and bread. Perforated film bags extend the life and freshness of carrots or oranges several times over. For home use it is marketed under the brand name "Glad" and is fine for preserving the freshness of sandwiches, meat cuts and cold dishes stored in the refrigerator.

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NEW GIRL GUIDE COMPANY — 2nd BROOKLYN

On Tuesday, December 10, the first girls to join the new 2nd Brooklyn company were enrolled by Division Commissioner, Mrs. Greasley. Guides enrolled were: Anne Davis, Suzanne Caabott, Brenda Gray, Teresa Bennett and Lynette White.

Gail Matthews and Catherine Levanic have passed their Tenderfoot and will be enrolled early next year. Enrolment Night was attended by the Guides' families and Mr. Blasius, Minister of the Lutheran Church at Altona East.

Anne Davis was presented with "Wings" as she had passed her Golden Hand leaving Brownies.

The company has closed for the Christmas holidays and will re-open in February 11, 1969.

The company meets in the Lutheran Church Hall, The Broadway, Altona East, 7.00 to 9.00 p.m. each Tuesday night. A waiting list is open for any girls wishing to become Guides.

Captain — Mrs. D. Strickland, 20 McDonald Avenue, Altona North. 391-4183.

Lieutenant — Miss A. Gusman, 8 Estelle Court, Altona North.

Square Dancers Enjoy Final Night of Year

Last Thursday night went off with a bang when members of the Altona square dance club and visitors from other clubs celebrated Christmas by dancing to the regular caller, David Hooper, and guest callers Ron White from Caulfield and Ron Mennie from Box Hill.

One of the local boys entertained with his guitar and a couple of songs, one being his own composition. Congratulations "Terry" for a job well done.

The square dance club will resume its weekly dance on January 16, until then a happy holiday to all members.

WEAVER — TRIEB WEDDING



An eighty year old prayer book which belonged to her great grand-mother was carried by Miss Heather Trieb at her marriage on November 30 to Mr. Neil Weaver at St. Thomas' Church of England, Moonee Ponds.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Trieb of Seves St., Altona, and the bridegroom the only son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Weaver, of Pascoe Vale South.

Sprays of guipure lace were applied on the tweed satin gown worn by the bride.

Bridesmaids were Miss Roslyn Bennetts and the groom's sister, Miss Rhonda Weaver. Junior maids were the bride's cousins Glenda and Roslyn Wishart.

Mr. Raymond Boyce was best man and Mr. Peter King groomsmen.

The wedding breakfast was held at Ingleside Reception.

Children's Ward is Their Baby

Over the years the Footscray North State School has given each year, gifts to the Footscray and District Hospital Children's Ward which include toys, books and games.

To recognise their generosity, Sister Margaret Cooke who is in charge of the Children's Ward will present a Life Governorship to Miss Ruth Anne Skinner who is a pupil and one of the School's Social Service Leaders.

Sister Cooke will make the presentation on Speech Day at 2.15 p.m. on Wednesday, December 18.

Following the ceremony, some of the pupils will go to the Hospital and present toys to patients in the Children's Ward, then have afternoon tea with Sister Cooke in the Nurses Dining Room.

SCHOOL SUPPORTS HOSPITAL

This week the Sunshine North Technical School celebrated the opening of their new Assembly Hall. All students were brought into this lovely hall which is well equipped for any occasion.

The Principle, Mr. Spottiswood felt that on this special occasion something should be done to commemorate the opening. He and his Social Service Leaders decided to make a donation of \$100 to the Footscray and District Hospital for the purchase of equipment for the new Children's Ward.

The Hospital Medical Superintendent, Dr. J. Lawson went along with the Public Relations Officer, Reg Womersley to receive this generous amount. Dr. Lawson praised the efforts of the teachers and pupils not only for their help towards his Hospital, but for the support given to many other Health and Welfare Organisations. He also congratulated them on their fine new hall, as it was their efforts that made it possible.

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HIGH SPEED SAILING BY YACHTS

A Sternchaser race held in moderate breezes was sailed by Altona Yacht Club members last Saturday. All classes divided into handicap groups, starting at individual times.

During the race the faster yachts which started last, gradually pegged back the slower starters. Although the fleet was reasonably small, racing was still the keen, close style set over the past months.

Bursts of high speed sailing by yachts, especially in the larger Hornet class, became highlights of the race for spectators.

On Sunday one race was postponed as it was thought the prevailing Northerly was about to turn to a gale force Southerly. The race that did eventuate fielded few starters, 3 Hornets, 2 Herons and a Moth.

The fresh breeze at the start subsided to a calm at the finish, resulting in the closest Hornet finish seen at the Club for some time.

Saturday's results:

Hornet —

1. "Laphil" (T. Phillips - L. Laker).
2. "Jet" (T. Jones - P. Jol).
3. "Triad" (A. Tyrell - C. Burgess).

G.P.14's —

1. "Echo" (Brian Smith - J. Mallett).
2. "Whistable" (Bob Smith - K. Smith).
3. "Mona".

Herons —

1. (I. Burcher).
2. "Stylenka" (S. Bulmer).
3. "Pee-Wee" (J. Grieve).

Moth —

1. "Beta" (G. Eagland).

Sunday's Results:

Hornets —

1. "Jet" (T. Jones - P. Jol).
2. "Slender G" (A. Owen - J. Butterworth).
3. "Woomera" (J. Grieve - D. Philp).

Herons —

1. "Harry-L" (L. Pound - I. Robertson).

Moths —

1. "Beta" (G. Eagland).

SOCIAL NEWS

Members and friends are reminded that a Bar-B-Q is to be held at 4 Bent Street, Altona, this Friday, December 20. Bring your own meat and refreshments and be assured of a good night.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM HON. A. W. KNIGHT, M.L.C.



How individual each of our lives are. Although there are many things we have in common, there are surely many more that are different; each of us has his or her own set of habits, wants or desires.

But all the divergent ways of life we have seen to merge together at Christmas. This is the one time of the year when the people of the world seem unified. No matter what conflicts there may be this spirit of Christmas will occupy our minds so much during this period of celebration.

Now is a good time to reflect on the past year; time also for us to remember the beginning of Christmas and the purpose for which we celebrate this occasion. We should remember the problems of those who are not as fortunate as ourselves; this is not too much to ask of us. Remember the sick, the maimed and the aged people; let us not forget their devotion to their families. We should also reflect on the loyalty and kindness of our own people.

My thoughts during this Christmas, as it is during the whole of the year, will rest on the unrest there is throughout this modern world today. I earnestly hope that Peace will prevail and man will be able to live together without conflict — surely this is not too much to ask for.

I am grateful to the people of the Melbourne West Province for the opportunity they have given me in representing them in one of the Houses of Parliament. I ask that may the Miracle of Christmas unite every family, bring cheer and courage to every heart and brighten every home.

Christmas reminds us that, as Christians, it is our duty to express our faith, hope and love at all times in all our contacts with our fellowmen. People who love each other give each other presents in reminder of this great occasion which we celebrate. Gratitude is one of the most sincerest ways of expressing oneself, which reminds me of a very true story expressed years ago. A very poor and aged man, busy in planting and grafting an apple tree was interrupted by this questioning New Year.

Ten New Rooms for Altona North Primary School

Nearly one thousand students will next year be attending the Altona North Primary School and in February 10 new rooms plus a library should be ready for occupation.

Altogether the school will have 28 rooms said the school principal, Mr. D. J. Madden, in his final report for the year to parents.

He said "A successful year has been experienced after a rather crowded beginning."

"Results throughout the year show that the staff and pupils have worked well together and the standard in many subjects has been raised considerably. Thanks to the co-operation of Staff, School Committee and Mothers Club, and the support of the parents the year has been a happy one. I mention this because I sincerely believe that a happy atmosphere will carry us at least half way to success."

"Early in the year the school was promised 8 rooms for 1969. Later the Education Department decided to build 10 rooms and a library which should be ready for occupation in 1969. This will give the school 28 rooms. The expected attendance is 970, more than double the number on opening day in 1965."

Winners of academic awards announced in the report are —

Scholarships (Grade 6):

Ron Waters — Dux; Neville Box; Simon Baxter; Graham Taylor; Ronald Turner; Vera Goricanec; Sheila Stevenson; Jeanette Honeyman; Lesley Darling; Calliope Seitandis.

Grade Winners:

1. Corinna Ross.
2. Marinka Petrak.
3. Lilian Jankow.
4. Michelle Quigley.
5. David Baxter.

The boy and girl winners of sports awards were — Gary Mather; Calliope Seitandis.

Children Raise \$1,112:

This year the children have raised \$1,112 for their Social Service League. Receipts from the weekly one cent a child effort raised \$425.63.

Two bazaars ran by the children netted \$182.66, sale of buttons for the Aborigines Advancement League and Chis-lon \$48.10 and the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal \$110. A cash total of \$766.

As well as this, goods to the value of \$346 were given to the Milk for India Appeal, State Schools' Relief

Rag Appeal, eggs for Williamstown and Altona Hospitals, Red Cross, Legacy Toy Appeal, Chislon Spastic Centre and the Mothers' Club bazaar.

Children Involved:

Another surprising feature of the work has been the number involved — 200 — some acting as representatives of their grade on the Social Service Committee which meets weekly at recess time, some participating in the after-school work group and some being in the knitting group which worked so hard behind the scenes at home.

Infant Department:

The Infant Department is looking forward to its most settled year in 1969.

With the extensions to the buildings, the whole infant department will be housed under the one roof for the first time in the four years of the history of the school.

At the moment the beginners total for 1969 stands at 178 and this means that these grades will once again be larger in numbers than is desirable.

ALTONA TENNIS CLUB

A round robin tournament for all junior tennis players will be played on the Altona courts next Sunday, December 22, commencing at 1 p.m. Entrance fee is 30 cents.

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ANIMAL SLIDES SHOWN BY CAMERA CLUB

Last Friday night the Altona Camera Club members had a most interesting slide lecture on "A trip to the zoo". Some delightful shots of the animals were shown and the best ways of capturing "the tiger's yawn" or the dazzling effects of the zebra were described. Patience being the best clue.

This was followed by some excellent examples of available light shots and what can be done with the use of the very fast films obtainable.

All prints and slides were handed in to the print steward for this month's competitions. The results will be announced at the next meeting.

"Why do you plant trees when you cannot hope to eat the fruit of them?" He raised himself up, leant upon his spade and replied — "Someone planted trees for me before I was born, and I have eaten the fruit; I now plant for others, that the memorial of my gratitude may exist when I am dead and gone." This is the true spirit of Christmas.

On behalf of my wife and family I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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a survey of Altona



St. Eanswythes Church of England.

CHURCHES

In the earlier seaside suburb of Altona five churches came into being. ALTONA BAPTIST CHURCH was first followed by the ANGLICAN, CATHOLIC, SALVATION ARMY and METHODIST.

Since then, apart from the Presbyterian Church, most new growth has been in Altona North and East. Some fine buildings have been built. Catholic, Methodist, Anglican, Presbyterian and Lutheran and other denominations now serve in Altona North.

PRE-SCHOOL

The HEALTH CENTRE in Blyth Street is one of five in Altona. It is modern and well equipped and efficiently serviced. As well there are seven kindergartens and one

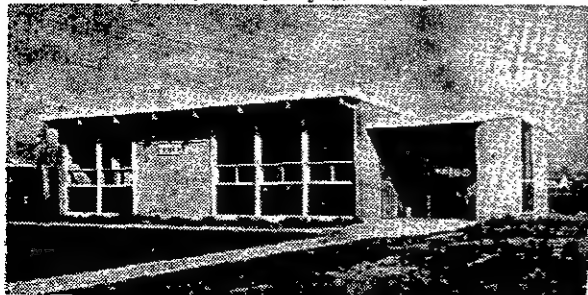
play centre.

All the kindergartens in Altona are in fact free — a council grant reinforces the Government subsidy to the extent to make this possible. Associated with this care is the free dental service for young children.

YOUTH CLUBS

Two YOUTH CLUBS, one in Civic Parade, and the other in Langshaws Road do much for the young people of Altona.

In these council erected halls, young people of both sexes gather for specialized recreation on various nights. Where possible trained leaders in some sections are available. Much work is done by unselfish citizens who devote their time to one or another aspect of youth activities.



Infant Welfare Centre.

CULTURE

Associations and clubs have been formed to fill the need for various forms of cultural activity. Among them are the Drama Group; Music Society; Accordion and Instrumental Band; Film Society; Photography; Beta Sigma Phi and other social clubs with similar activities.

Worthy of note are the efforts of various schools. The ALTONA PRIMARY has an annual operetta and each of the high schools each year stage comic operas. MOUNT ST. JOSEPH'S CHOIR is well known for its fine performances.

LIFE SAVERS

The LIFE SAVERS have a fine hall on the Esplanade. They are an active club doing most essential community work.

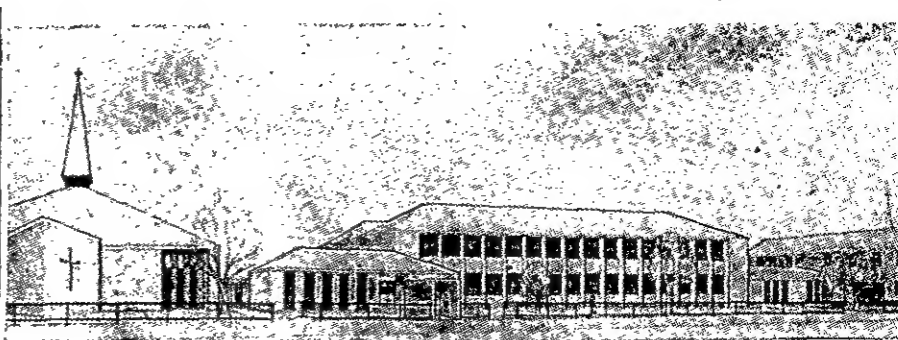
It is a fact that their aim and the work they do in Altona (and elsewhere) is most commendable and wholly satisfactory in its results.

Altona beach is not at all times or in all aspects a safe beach. It is good to know these people guard against inadvertent dangers or thoughtless actions.

COMMERCE

The CHAMBER OF COMMERCE has made its presence felt, particularly in establishing a parking scheme for Pier Street. At this stage the shopping centres situated at suitable distances throughout the Shire, serve well for convenient shopping for the day to day requirements of householders.

Pier Street and its environs is a logical area to develop a centre sufficient for all the needs of Altona citizens. This ultimate aim must have for a first step sufficient parking facilities. These are now assured.



Mount St. Joseph's Girls' College.

SCOUTS AND GUIDES

SCOUTS and GUIDES with their associated Cubs and Brownies have their place in Altona. Perhaps not such a place as they desire and deserve, for accommodation is an ever present problem.

There are the Scout Hall and Guide Hall in Civic Parade but in Altona North meetings are held variously in church halls, school buildings and the Youth Hall. Guides have a suggested site for a hall in Millers Road and the Scouts hope to be allowed land in Langshaws Reserve.

WORKING MEN'S CLUB

The ALTONA WORKING MEN'S CLUB is a monument to the inspiration of its founders, and to the single mindedness and co-operation of its early members.

While other communities were and are still talking of the need for such a club, Altona men acted. The spacious club rooms and facilities are the result.

There is no doubt that the Working Men's Club is one of the much needed unifying factors so vital to Altona.

INDUSTRY

The distinctive skyline of Altona's dominant REFINERY, CARBON BLACK & PETRO CHEMICAL complex industries is a familiar sight to every person of Altona. The benefit of these industries to Altona cannot be minimised. In recent years, general industry has made an increasing impact on Altona.

But at this stage many workers living in Altona must find employment elsewhere. The Slough industrial estate, which provides ready made facilities and equipment on a rental basis, has large areas for development in Altona. Several factories have been erected and others are in course of erection under the above conditions.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE is well represented in Altona. There is a combined (men and women) senior division in both Altona and Altona North. Both meet weekly for practice and of course attend all functions where their services may be necessary.

Lately the Altona division has inaugurated a search and rescue squad — a mobile unit with van to operate in cases of emergency.

The St. John Ambulance Cadet division also functions in Altona and Altona North, with nearly 60 young people learning to meet ambulance needs and assist the fully trained personnel.

OUR WOMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS

It has been said that whatever her talents and moods there is scope and need for the average housewife for activity outside her home life.

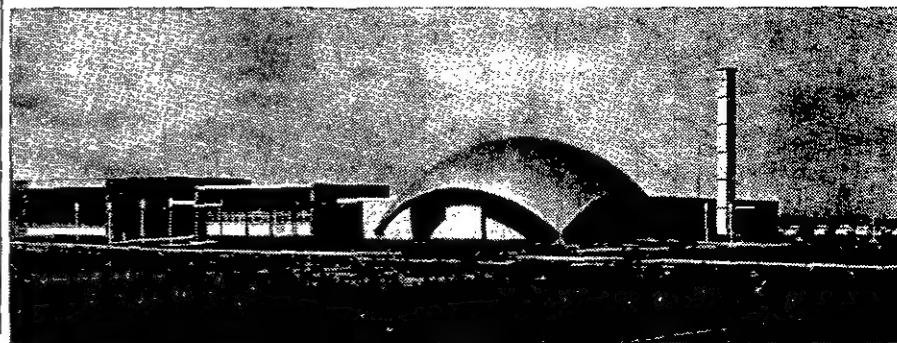
Many Altona women thus have become members of school mothers clubs, or church guilds. The country Women's Association has for long filled a need. In Altona particularly, the needs of spastic children have been aided by a group of women workers. Also particularly in Altona a number of women under the banner of U.N.I.C.E.F. are working for world needy children.

It would not be too much to say that when a need becomes evident there will be those who volunteer to help.

CIVIC CENTRE

The CIVIC CENTRE opened in 1963 — comprises Council Chamber, Civic Hall and administrative offices located in Grant Reserve in Civic Parade (formerly Nellie St.), it is in a central position in Altona South and has easy access to other parts of the municipality.

Altona Civic Centre.



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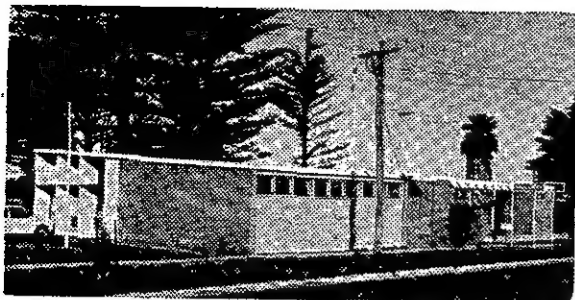
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Elderly Citizens Centre.

Elderly Citizens

The ELDERLY CITIZENS building is centrally located in Logan Reserve. Here are facilities for social converse and activities and pastimes to suit the needs of the elderly.

While the main feature is a large meeting room there are also various rooms allocated for billiards and the like. Hot meals are provided for elderly people at an exceptionally low price. Social outings by bus are frequent.

The building was erected by the Altona Council and is controlled by a welfare committee of Altona citizens. While the council and citizens have given much support to the club the efforts of the elderly citizens themselves in raising funds for their objectives have been notable.

SPORTING

KOORINGAL GOLF COURSE has been long established. Originally the Williamstown Golf Course it is now an Altona institution. Golf on this course has reached a high standard and at times certain players have achieved near championship level.

All of the better known sports and some of the lesser known sports are represented in Altona.

Golf, bowls, indoor bowls, tennis, football, cricket, soccer, basketball, athletics, squash, fishing, lacrosse, ho-

key, volleyball, yachting, swimming, water sports, table tennis, model aeroplanes, pigeons, Go-karts and darts all have followers in Altona. In some of them at least our lads and lasses have gained State and even Interstate representation.

There is at present just a sufficiency of sporting areas, the chief being Grant, Kim and Langshaws Reserves.

LIBRARY

Altona has two fine libraries. The first, in Queen Street, was followed by a branch library in The Circle, Altona North.

Both are housed in modern, functional buildings. The need of the particular or general reader and the student are met by the quantity and variety of books available.

The Libraries are free to ratepayers and their families, and in some instances to local school students residing in other municipalities.

Altona Hospital

ALTONA HOSPITAL in Sargood Street is a community hospital that has served Altona well. While under the general control of the Hospital and Charities Commission, it is administered by a board of management of Altona citizens. It is a fine modern build-

ing with up to date equipment. It has 20 available beds but under a Commission ruling cannot be further extended. There is a large area in Altona North, in Millers Road, which the Commission has purchased for a major hospital. This may eventuate sometime in the future.

RETURNED SOLDIERS

The meeting place of the RETURNED SOLDIERS, SAILORS and AIRMEN of the world wars is in Sargood Street.

With the passing of the years the average citizen's connection tends to be the annual purchase of a poppy flower. However, Australia and Altona owe a debt to these men which can only be served by a co-operative interest in their activity.

SCHOOLS

Altona Primary School in Blyth Street was the first in Altona. After later extensions it is now a special school — a testing ground for new developments in education at the primary level.

All told there are now seven primary schools serving all parts of Altona. These are mostly modern, well equipped buildings with reasonable and generally ample playing areas. A feature of every school are mothers' clubs and school committees, who have done exceptional work in raising funds for school needs.

There are five secondary schools in Altona — Altona High, Altona North High, Altona Technical School, St. Paul's College, a regional school for Catholic boys, and Mount St. Joseph's, a regional school for Catholic girls. The photo shows St. Paul's College.

All these institutions are well supported by parents and friends. Nearing completion, at the technical school is an imposing assembly hall, largely subsidi-

dised by the Government on the basis of a very substantial local contribution.

NEW AUSTRALIANS

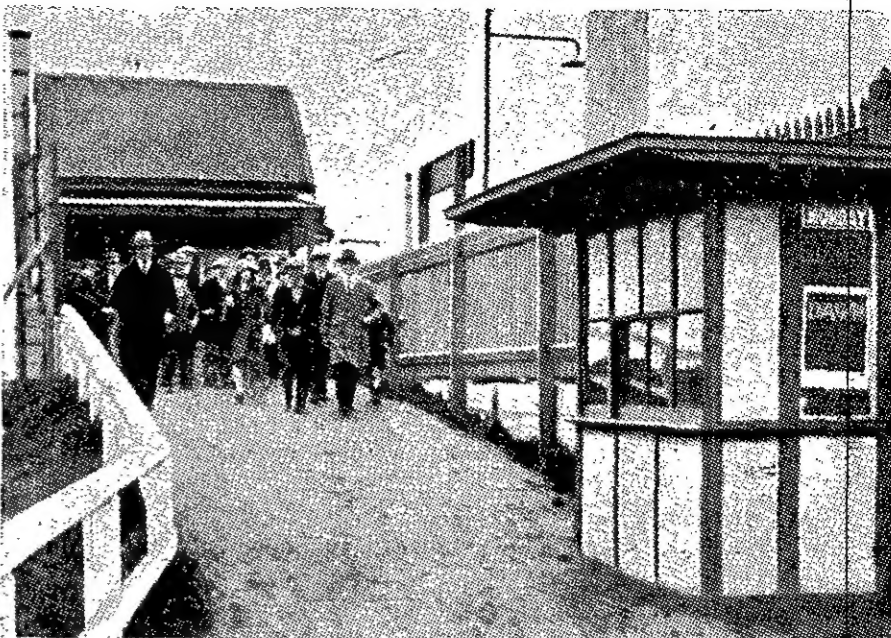
A large section of Altona's population, more particularly in the northern areas, consists of European migrants.

Of these, children at school are quickly becoming Australians in every sense. Newly married or middle aged migrants are too associating themselves with others and many are becoming progressive citizens.

SERVICE CLUBS

As far as Altona is concerned the service clubs are of comparative recent origin. But in a limited time they have certainly made their presence felt.

The APEX, ROTARY and LIONS are definitely forces for good in Altona. Each within their own sphere give opportunity for community service to their worthy members. Apex Park which is being converted from a swampy foreshore area into an ideal children's playground and park is an outstanding example of the way in which the service clubs are helping Altona and a wider area.



The RAILWAY STATION has seen many changes in its immediate surroundings but has remained true to itself. Little difference from the present station can be seen in the photo taken about fifty years ago.

This not so-old photo of ALTONA PIER (below) shows the beach as it was in the memory of many. It dramatically shows the extent of the alteration in the main beach. Obviously where the rotunda is pictured, water now prevails except at very low tide.



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TENNIS CLUB NEWS

Two local juniors, 14 year old John Trickey and 17 year old Michael Kelly have been selected to represent the Western Suburbs Tennis Association in a triangular match in Adelaide on January 11 & 12, 1969.

Michael has represented the association on two previous occasions, but this is the first year he has been captain of the team. At the moment he is the W.S.T.A. Under 19 Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles champion.

This is the first time John has represented the association in these matches. John at present is the Victorian Under 14 Singles and Doubles Champion and also the W.S.T.A. Under 17 Singles, Under 17 Doubles and Under 19 Doubles champion with Michael.

Hospital Life Governorship to Schools

This week (Tuesday, December 17) the Footscray and District Hospital Matron, Miss M. Mitchell will go to the Kingsville State School and present a Life Governorship to Mrs. G. J. Swallow who through her efforts in Social Service, the School has been very generous with their support for the Hospital.

Since 1958 the Kingsville State School has contributed the following to the Footscray and District Hospital:

- Casualty Trolley
- Audiometer
- Resuscitation Trolley
- Centrifuge
- Anaesthetic Machine.

This amounts to in cash approx. \$2,600.

KOORINGAL GOLF CLUB

RESULTS

Thursday, 5-12-68:
18 Hole Stroke —
J. Toll (23) 66; F. McNamara (23) 67.
9 Hole Stroke —
J. Toll 30½ Points.

Saturday, 7-12-68:

Bogey —
"A" Grade: M. Cahill (4/3) 1 down.
"B" Grade: J. H. Page (17/13) 1 up.
"C" Grade: R. Ockwell (23/17) 3 up.
Medal won by R. Ockwell 3 up.

Sunday, 8-12-68:

Bogey —
A. Clancy (18) Square.
J. Pritchard (12) Square.
R. Willing (18) Square.

CHURCH

St. Eanswythes v. St. Andrews, Junior South, at Market Reserve.

St. Eanswythes —
1st Innings:
Grant c. Gapper 4
Featherby b. Gapper 14
Patton lbw Tomkins 7
Courtot c. Tomkins 52
Greco b. Gapper 5
Willett n.o. 27
Henry n.o. 7
Sundries 1
TOTAL C.C. 5 for 117
BOWLING: Gapper 3/46; Tomkins 2/43; Donnelly 0/27.

St. Andrews —
1st Innings:
Gapper n.o. 41
Donnelly c. Patton 1
Smith c. Greco 1
b. Courtot 4
Stephen b. Courtot 0
Tomkins lbw Courtot 4
Smith b. Gordon 5
Speakman b. Courtot 4
Plant b. Courtot 2
Hartley b. Gordon 0
Truswell n.o. 3
Sundries 13
TOTAL C.C. 8 for 77
BOWLING: 8-0-5-31; Gordon 9-0-3-32; Blokkerus 1-0-0-1.

Batting first, St. Eanswythes scored 117 off 18 overs. In reply St. Andrews could manage only 77 while losing 8 wickets. St. Eanswythes won by 40 runs.

St. Eanswythes v. Maidstone Church of Christ, "C" Grade, at Dobson Reserve.

St. Eanswythes —
1st Innings:
B. Garde b. Keenan 30
P. Carton b. Keenan 4
M. Oram b. Keenan 42
A. Merrill n.o. 93
D. Garde c. & b. 31
P. Heath 31
G. Stephenson n.o. 36
Sundries 3
TOTAL C.C. 4 for 239
BOWLING: Keenan 3/96; N. Heath 0/53; Boseley 0/38; P. Heath 1/49.

Maidstone —

1st Innings:
A. Heath b. Holden 20
N. Heath b. Holden 1
W. Keenan b. Holden 1
P. Heath b. Holden 0
R. Boseley st. Garde 0
b. Holden 0
G. Heath c. Carton 12
K. Davies c. Holden 8
b. Garde 8
C. Booth c. Stephenson 0
b. Garde 0
R. East n.o. 3
L. Heath c. Haskell 2
b. Garde 2
P. Mann, c. Stephenson 0
b. Morton 0
Sundries 8
TOTAL 55

BOWLING: Holden 8-25-19; B. Garden 4-0-4-11; Petersen 4-0-0-11; Haskell 8-4-0-6; Morton 2-1-0.

St. Eanswythes scored 239 off 25 Overs. Maidstone were dismissed on the 2nd ball of the last over to give St. Eanswythes their 6th win of the season.

Altona Pres. v. Tottenham Rovers "C" Grade, at Ford Reserve.

Tottenham —
1st Innings:
Just c. Diener 27
b. Hitchcock 5
White c. & b. Diener 0
W. Brown b. Hitchcock 21
McInnes b. Hitchcock 21
Grassham c. McKinney 13
b. Hitchcock 13
A. Brown c. J. Harris 13
b. Hitchcock 13
M. Oliver Jnr. b. Diener 1
M. Oliver Snr. b. Hitchcock 0
b. Hitchcock 0
Govan c. Hitchcock 22
b. M. Harris 2
MacLinda n.o. 2
Sundries 5
TOTAL 115

BOWLING: Diener 8-0-49-2; Hitchcock 8-1-56-7; M. Harris 7-0-5-1.

Altona —

1st Innings:
A. Wilson c. Just 2
Hitchcock n.o. 50
Diener n.o. 62
Sundries 14
TOTAL 1 for 128
BOWLING: McInnes 0/31; Just 1/24; White 0/16; Grassham 0/11; Oliver Jnr. 0/20; Oliver Snr. 0/10; Brown 0/2.
D. Hitchcock and J. Diener added 115 for the 2nd wicket. This was Altona's first win for the season. They are looking forward to more.

CRICKET

Altona Pres. v. Christ Church Newport, U. 16, at Ford Reserve.

Altona —
1st Innings:
A. Wilson n.o. 62
Hitchcock lbw Parsons 14
McKinney n.o. 19
Sundries 5
TOTAL 1 for 100 dec.
BOWLING: Parsons 1/20; Bearman 0/54; Hoole 0/21.

N.C.C. —
1st Innings:
Parsons r.o. 9
Pearman b. Wilson 9
Grinter b. Wilson 11
Sandalls st. McKinney 8
b. Wilson 8
Hoole b. Hitchcock 5
O'Brien b. Hitchcock 2
Treadwell b. Wilson 1
Clark n.o. 0
McDonald b. Hitchcock 0
Morton lbw Hitchcock 0
Johnston b. Hitchcock 0
Sundries 9
TOTAL 45

BOWLING: Hitchcock 5.6-0-22-5; G. Wilson 5-1-14-4.

Altona Pres. v. N.C.C. U. 16, at Ford Reserve.

Altona — 2nd Innings:
McKinney n.o. 4
Wilson n.o. 0
Sundries 0
TOTAL 0 for 4 dec.

N.C.C. — 2nd Innings:
Parson c. Hughes 0
b. Wilson 0
Grinter r.o. 3
Pearman b. Hitchcock 13
Sandalls c. Hitchcock 1
b. Wilson 0
Hoole b. Wilson 0
O'Brien c. Bebed 0
b. Wilson 0
Treadwell b. Hitchcock 0
Clarke b. Hitchcock 2
McDonald b. Hitchcock 1
Morton b. Wilson 5
Johnston n.o. 2
Sundries 4
TOTAL 31

BOWLING: A. Wilson 5.3-2-19-5; Hitchcock 5-1-8-4.

Altona won outright in one day. Dave Hitchcock took his 50th Junior Section wicket of the season in the first innings.

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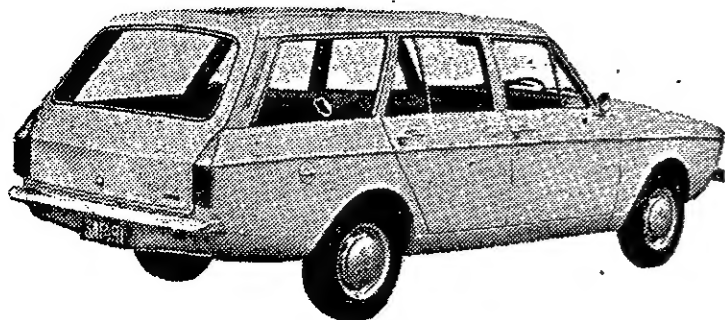
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When they started off as the Kilt with Brian Gardner on lead guitar, John Harris playing rhythm and Pete Bleazby singing they were just a raw rhythm and blues band. Like most bands of that era, they drowned their singer and had trouble keeping balance. Improvement came with constant practice and the addition of Jim McEwen boosted the singing and introduced harmonica to the group. Jim's A and C key harps were ideal for gutsy blues numbers and when Brian Gardner was replaced by lead guitarist George Sherenberg the group studied Paul Butterfield, John Lee Hooker and John Mayall. By this time, Hendrix and Clapton were hitting the scene and "Jimbo" proved his talent by mimicking both of them.

Consequently many people said the Jam had reached their peak. Where would they be without Jim McEwen? Indeed even the group members themselves wondered what would happen for them when Jim returned to Scotland (where he is now studying photography). Pete Bleazby (the other singer) left the group just before Jim and the boys were without a

singer. Interviews and audition produced Roy Johnson ex road manager of the Party Machine. Roy had his own transport, his own p.a. system and most important of all a good voice.

Blues were taking a vacation when Roy joined the group so the Jam changed its song repertoire to light blues and the less commercial Small Faces material. They still have a strong following in Altona and since Roy has been with the group their intersuburb fan club has grown out of all proportion. After all this time they have not put down a recording but it will happen even if I have to write the number myself. But if there are any prolific songwriters in Altona who fancy their chances we will be only too glad to accommodate you if you write to the "Star".

The Brown-Eyed Handsome Jam is now a four-piece group and the only original members are Graeme "Percy" Griffiths and Wayne "Moo" Ford. Percy the bass guitarist is rather an odd character. When he is not buying records he is paying debts (now I am getting Percenol). His other pastimes include collecting names of



OLD Brown-Eyed H. J. "As They Were".

pop groups and romping around in the Apex park.

Drummer Wayne Ford still holds the world record for breaking drum sticks and skins but he has been acclaimed for his driving beat by Geoff Brookes of "New Faces". You may remember seeing the fellows in the grand final about nine months ago. When Wayne is not beating away he is either listening to a Canned Heat record or driving his girl-friend around in that big car of his.

George Sherenberg is the quiet bashful type, but put a guitar in his hand and he can perform wonders. His playing was affected recently, when he fell in love with April Byron as the Jam were providing the backing for Marty Kristian and April. George collects guitars (worth hundreds of dollars) and records. He is constantly nagged by the rest of the group for his conservative hairstyle but he doesn't need to be an exhibitionist to be good.

Roy's hair is taking a trip to the moon but no doubt his girl-friend Brownie is steering him on the right course. Roy likes driving other girls' cars (especially '100's) and he is always eating.

With that yellow van and all their amplifiers and instruments the Jam are worth several thousand dollars but they charge very moderate rates for local bookings. So if you want them for your Christmas party ring Wayne on 398-1701 in a big hurry.

WHAT'S NEW BABY?

3XY dee-day. Garry Hoffman will put down a recording as a solo artist. Will the bass-guitarist of the Barry Charles Set join Jam?

Ross, Leon and David are breaking away from the Fifth Hour.

Another trip for Mr. Mel-

drum?

Michael Barnett no longer stands at the Bus Stop.

Big changes for the Melbourne scene.

3XY is staging another wild happening at the velodrome this Sunday.

Normie will have a haircut before he goes overseas.

Towncriers are back from Perth but their sound has not improved.

Mike Barnett still has Russell Morris and the Iguana but the Daisy Clover are no longer his concern.

Wonder how Miss Randall is going in the U.S.

Will the Marquis become a Tudor promotions' concern?

Appearing on the grand final of New Faces this Sunday night will be the Groop and Brendan Hanley

GEOFF MILLS JOINS BROADSIDE CHILDREN

Geoff Mills, ex-singer of Newport Group, Madame Applebee is now singing for Melbourne group the Broadside Children. The Broadside Children were formerly a backing group but now they want to feature themselves.

They are currently booked at most of the big dances in town so it looks as though the gamble is paying off for them. Geoff replaced Altona singer Noel Rafferty when he sang for Madame Applebee. Another old member of M.A. bass guitarist, Joe Talia is apparently trying to reform the Chelsea Set.

with his Gingerbread Revue. The Revue are regulars on Channel O's "Up-tight".

Still no word from Mr. Joseph and the Procession. Hans Poulsen is getting airplay.

- STOP PRESS -

Even as this article goes to press, things are happening for the Jam. The present rumour is that a change of line-up will take place early next year and the group's name may be changed to Brown's Jam.

The fellows are still on the look-out for a new manager. And to date management problems have been their biggest downfall. I feel confident that with a competent manager this group will make it because they have earned good money at local dances and parties this year.

RESIDENTS AT RIFLE

The Jam now have regular Friday night work at the Rifle Club Hotel, Williamstown where they are the resident band. Friday night is "IN-TIME" at the "Rifle" and the crowds are always pretty good.

Daisy Clovers work hard

The Daisy Clovers are to be commended for the effort they are putting into their stage act. At the moment the scene is experiencing a lull because most groups are just content to rest on their faded laurels and just play anything for money. It makes a change to see a group that is obviously throwing everything it has to the paying customers. Keep up the good work fellows but be careful not to burn yourselves out.

Vibrants follow Bubbegum Sound

The new Vibrants with Edgell James as singer, are what Americans would term a "teenybopper group". Their repertoire includes a strong list of numbers from Garry Puckett, 1910 Fruit Gum Company and some of the oldies that Edgell sang with the Mixtures.

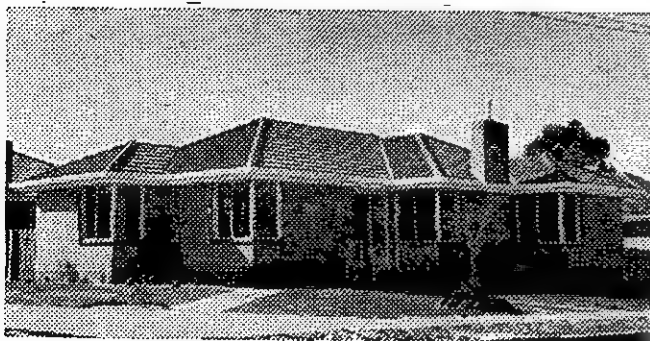
Edgell has been with the Mixtures, Changing Times, the Trap and other groups. I would like to see Edgell do well with the new Vibrants but I cannot forecast too much success for them in Melbourne as they do not create the same excitement as the original Vibrants did. But the other half of the Vibrants, - The Graduate seem to be getting plenty of work.

- Normie this Week -

Guest artists at Bus Stop this Sunday night will be Normie Rowe, Rim D. Paul, and the Daisy Clovers. Rim D. Paul ("Ballad of Lionel Rose") is currently one of the highest paid night club acts in Sydney. But I think Normie will be the real crowd drawer.

In order to retain some of its older class patrons Bus Stop hopes to feature names like Cole Joy and J. O.K. among other of the old rock celebrities. So get that old bike out of your garage and give it a bit of a dust over. Give your old stock hat a new coat of paint and wheel down to Bus Stop, Melbourne's biggest Sunday night dance.

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Johnny O'Keefe was only the start though, because the Australian pop scene is experiencing a transition to the big tours that used to be so popular.

GOSSIP

By SEAWEEED

Noel, Brian and Kay appeared to be high at a recent Love-In.

Tamba has definitely volunteered. Meanwhile Glenn marched out of recruit training last week and Clarke marched in.

Who is Ben Her?

John's favourite hobbies are paddling, fishing in his goldfish bowl and crab hunting.

Lyn wants to be a go-go dancer.

What do you want for Christmas? Freda wants a pouffe.

Percy has a new car and a new girl. What more could you want?

Manny from Altona North wants to join a jazz group. Getting married is still the biggest craze in Altona.

Guess who's sick of chasing dawgs?

When will Ian get his MGB?

Alright Mick we know you have a fast car.

Ian is always the perfect gentleman when film stars are around.

My, how Bob loves his hot bath of a Saturday night.

Denise back from Sale. Get a haircut Roy.

Those little catamarans are popular, even in inclement weather.

Haggis has been nabbed and Reg is training to become an officer.

SYDNEY SCENE

Lionel Rose isn't the only Australian who has met Elvis. Recently 2UW deejay Ward Austin and his pretty wife had the honour.

Canned Heat is still knocking them out in Sydney.

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COMPETITION RESULT

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Ron Coleman and the staff of the "Star" would like to wish a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year to Mick the Wild Barber, Peter Leed and Jeff, Alan Morris, Es Hakin, Brian and the Sea-Cal gang, Russell Morris, Igua-na, Daisy Clovers, May Payne, Felix Rymer, Brown-Eyed Handsome Jam, The Eternals, Articles of Attraction, The Third Eye, Ian Meldrum, Chris St. Nicholas, Jimbo McEwen, Dawn, Denise, Gayle, Claudio, Nev's Variety Bar, Nev, Ray Evans, Peter Raphael, Noel Raff, Geoff Cresser, Phillip Pearce, Peter Doyle, The Push, Doug Osborne, Duncan McKellar, Peter Bleazby, Alex Grech, the Van Winkle Band, Priscilla, Paul Walsh, The Keyboard and the Stars, Saints and Sinners of Altona and District.

CRICKET REPORT

ALTONA ON TOP OF LOCAL RIVALS

Altona "A" grade team, fielding an unchanged side, were at home to local team Spotswood last weekend in the final game prior to Christmas.

Captain coach John Cooney won the toss and had no hesitation in batting on a good wicket. With Bob McLeod as his opening partner, Cooney got the team to a good start although a little slow. With the score at 29 Cooney was given out on a bad decision, being caught off his hip. This dismissal started a slump when McLeod, Thomas and Wagborne were all dismissed before the score had reached 40.

Jim Page and Jack Deller then figured in what appeared to be a promising partnership which was cut short when Deller was caught. Bruce Forrester joined Page and they batted well, adding 34 runs before Forrester was lbw with the score at 89. Page continued to bat well and was second last man out for a well made 47. Dick Conradi also batted well for 22 and Altona were all out for 133.

Spotswood began their innings by taking 7 runs from the first over and 2 from the second, before Bob Dare broke through to have Picone caught by Bruce Wagborne. Bill Gunn then caught by Dick Conradi without scoring. From 2/16 Spotswood slumped to 8/43 before their captain, Bernie Maloney came to the crease and steered his team to 63 without further loss at stumps.

Altona will no doubt be keen to go on with the job next Saturday to record outright points to consolidate their position as competition leaders.

Altona — 1st Innings:	
Cooney c. Perrusich	20
McLeod lbw Marsden	15
Thomas c. Perrusich	0
Wagborne lbw Marsden	0
Page st. Marsden	47
Deller c. Marsden	9
Forrester lbw Marsden	17
Duff c. Gunn	1
Dare b. Gunn	0
Conradi st. Marsden	22
Gray n.o.	1
Sundries	1
TOTAL	133

BOWLING: Perrusich 2/23; Gunn 2/24; Marsden 6/63.

Spotswood — 1st Innings:	
A. Perrusich b. Conradi	19
Picone c. Dare	4
Lauder b. Dare	8
Gunn c. Dare	0
A. Perrusich c. Conradi	0
Davey lbw Dare	4
Marsden lbw Conradi	0
Vines b. Dare	0
Malloney n.o.	18
Pearce n.o.	2
Sundries	8
TOTAL	8 for 63

BOWLING: Dare 5/28; Conradi 3/14; Page 0/13.

B TURF CRICKET

Altona played Telegraph at Royal Park last week. Altona won the toss and batting first, were soon in trouble losing a wicket in the first over. Jim Joyce then hit out strongly for a quick 20 runs.

Altona were in trouble at 5 for 48 when Frank Kirk joined John Duncan. They put on over 80 runs for the 6th wicket. Frank went out for 40 runs but John carried on the good work, finishing 71 runs not out, a very good hand from John. Altona were finally all out for 170 runs, made in 130 minutes.

Telegraph started their innings better than Altona, with their first wicket falling after 7 overs. Mike Calaz came on in the latter part of the day and got 2 wickets. Final scores: Altona 170, Telegraph 5/130.

Altona North Little Athletics

RESULTS:

At Newport on Sunday, doubles were the most consistent, just pipping the perfect weather. A. Anderson with a walk of 5.12.4 just beat J. Hughes by 4/10ths in the 800m. walk. Both boys broke the record.

These two boys repeated the placings in a heat of the 400m. later in the day. A. Anderson's win recorded the good time of 1.19.3 and J. Hughes ran a very close second. The unlucky story of the day goes with Gary Thompson. A brilliant performance in the 800m. walk resulted in Gary getting inched out right on the line 1st and 2nd were both timed at nearly 9 secs. faster than the record, however officials gave the record to 1st place. Young Gary although disappointed claims it's his turn next time.

Other Results:

GIRLS —

U. 11 60m. Hurdles: J. Duggan.
U. 10 60m. Hurdles: K. Cheswright.
U. 9 100m.: O. Menichella.
U. 10 100m.: K. Vines.

BOYS —

U. 9 800m. Walk: A. Anderson (Record).
U. 9 400m.: A. Anderson.

Seaholme Little Athletics Club

In very warm conditions last Saturday, Seaholme Little Athletics Club did well to gain seven first placings.

Paul Curran and Alan White (both under 9) continued on their winning way with Paul scoring the double again with wins in the 400 metres event and the 800 metres walk. Alan scored a win in the 800 metres walk at his first attempt. The only other under 9 boy to gain a first placing was Gregory Smith who led all the way in his 400 metres event.

In the under 11 200 metres event very good times were recorded by Paul Douglas and Edward Richards in winning their heats while Mark Jackson (under 11) and Graeme Sullivan (under 10) put in very good performances also to come in 3rd and 2nd respectively.

The only other winner to come in for Seaholme was Barry Howden (under 10) who won his heat of the 800 metres walk in fine style.

UNDER 14 CRICKET

In the last round of matches before the Christmas break, Altona defeated Altona West to remain undefeated up to date, and St. Eanswythe had their first win for the season at the expense of Seaholme.

The star of the day was Paul Jenkins who batted right through Altona's innings to make 87 n.o. and then captured 6 wickets for 10 runs, a fine double. Other players to do well were Naughton 42 n.o., A. Miller 34 and Spencer 38. With the ball K. Stephenson took 6 for 31 and Little 5 for 64. Scores for the day were:

Altona 141 (Jenkins 87 n.o., Mildenhall 13, Sorrell 10, Little 5 for 64) defeated Altona West 82 (A. Miller 34, G. Millar 14, Jenkins 6 for 10).

St. Eanswythe 5 for 94 dec. (Naughton 42 n.o., Wilson 17, Paine 3 for 25) defeated Seaholme 77 (Spencer 38, Leigh 10, Stephenson 6 for 31, Hancock 3 for 36). Next games on February 8, will be Altona v. St. Eanswythe at Seaholme S.S., Altona West v. Seaholme at Altona West S.S.

LIFE SAVERS SUCCESSFUL DAY

The first Life Saving Club Carnival for the season was held at Black Rock on Sunday, December 15 and although the local Club was only able to roster 3 Senior and 9 Junior competitive members, they were successful in gaining 6 firsts, 2 seconds and 1 third placing, gaining for the Club a total of 46 points. This was an outstanding effort and congratulations to all participants.

The winners of the events were as follows:—

Women's R. L. & R.: Altona — 1st K. Harley, Capt. B. Morgan, S. Edwards, B. Harley, N. Richards, A. Shanahan.

Women's Swimwade: Altona: 1st B. Morgan. Under 16 Altona: 1st & 3rd H. Harley, J. Catanach. Men's Open Altona: 3rd R. Bailey.

Men's Under 18 Altona: 2nd D. Shanahan. Men's Under 16 Altona: 1st C. Mead.

Alarm Belt Women Altona: 1st B. Morgan. Alarm Belt Men Altona: 1st C. Mead. Beach Sprint Girls Altona: 1st R. Zoet. Women's Relay Altona: Second. Women's Musical Flags Altona: 3rd R. Zoet. Belt & Reel Mens Altona: 2nd R. Bailey.

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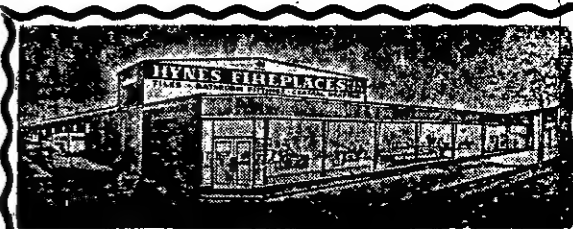
It is essential that a six member patrol be on duty for the following Christmas period:

December 21, 22, 25, 26, 28, 29 and January 1.

Owing to the small number of members in the Club this season, and with a number away on holidays, the club are forced to call for volunteers to help during the critical period. Ex members particularly are asked if they could help, or anyone who has gained the Bronze Medallion or the R. L. & R.

Anyone who feels they could help on the above dates are asked to contact J. Byrne at 77 The Esplanade, Altona, or phone 398-2846.

Members are reminded that after the meeting on December 21, Little Athletics will go into recess until January 18. Training at Seaholme School on Sunday afternoon will also be discontinued for this period and will resume on Sunday, January 19.



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NOTICE is hereby given that the Council of the Shire of Altona proposes to borrow the principal sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars secured by a charge over the general rates of the municipality, such sum to be raised by the grant of a mortgage in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1958.

- The maximum rates of interest to be paid is 5.7% per centum per annum.
- The purpose for which the loan is to be applied is —
Drainage Works — Laverton Estate and Truganina Reserve — Council Contribution \$45,000, CRB Works \$55,000.
- The period of the loan shall be ten years.
- The money borrowed shall be repayable by providing out of the Municipal Fund 20 half-yearly instalments of approximately \$6,644.14 each including principal and interest on the 1st day of August and the 1st day of February in each year during the currency of the loan. The first instalment shall be payable on the 1st day of August, 1969.
- Such moneys shall be repayable to the office of the State Savings Bank of Victoria, Melbourne.

The plans and specifications and the estimate of cost of the proposed works and a statement showing the proposed expenditure of the moneys to be borrowed are open for inspection at the Civic Offices, 115 Civic Parade, Altona.

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Scallops Too Small — Fishermen Fined

Undersized scallops brought fines of \$40 for each of two men who had sent bags of mixed size scallops to the Fish Market for sale.

The scallop fishermen, Jim Psonadakis and George Xpolipos, appeared in Williamstown Court last week to answer charges of taking undersized scallops from the bay near Altona.

Inspector L. Bracken of the Fisheries and Wildlife Department, gave evidence of inspecting 11 bags of scallops at the market on October 21. He said each bag contained a number of the illegal scallops.



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Altona Bowlers Win Way Through to Finals

A team from the Altona Ladies Bowling Club has defeated "A" grade players in winning through to the final four of the Ormond Park Bowling Club's electric light tournament for ladies fours.

So far this is the highest an Altona team has reached in open competition.

Players in the local team who all play "B" grade pennant are Ruby Fisher, Pat Gischus, Vera Douglas and Glad MacKellar.

Queenie Cox has acted as emergency and did get a game in the second round when Glad MacKellar was unavailable.

Altogether 64 teams from throughout the metropolitan area entered this tournament and Altona is one of the four teams left to play off for the trophies.

Pennant Results:

Mixed results again for the pennant bowlers last week.

The first team won 104-82 but the B2 team lost 76-110. Results were —

B1 defeated Aberfeldie 22-16.
M. Dowdell, L. Walsh, E. Oliver, E. Flynn.
P. Gischus, I. Probert, P. Stephens, G. MacKellar 33-16.

E. Siphthorp, V. Turner, J. McNeillage, J. Douglas 14-29.
E. Martin, B. Tribe, C. Ford, R. Fisher 35-19.
B2 played Doota Galla and lost.

W. Neal, M. Jacometti, K. Bray, B. Dart 21-26.
D. Watson, M. Woodyard, V. Douglas, I. Gibson 14-31.
M. Andrews, E. Beyer, I. O'Donnell, I. Nikels 25-21.
R. Shaw, Q. Cox, B. Neal, I. Mitchell 16-32.

Pennant games will resume on Tuesday, January 21. On this day B1 will travel by bus leaving the club house at 10.15 a.m. for Ormond Park.

B2 will play at home against Strathmore.

CLUB NEWS

Edna Russell's mother, Mrs. Wagner, of South Australia is on a visit to Altona. She and Edna flew across from Adelaide.

The big effort will be finalised this weekend — everything to be in no later than next Saturday afternoon.

It's on on Thursday night. For members going to the Dinner Party the bus leaves the Clubhouse at 6.30 p.m. (Remember, this Thursday, December 19).

Mrs. McNeillage has brought home the monster Christmas Hamper from Footscray Park.

Roster for Men's Pennant J. Douglas, M. Pugsley, A. Carr and D. Nielsen.

Some of the lady bowlers have reason to be proud of their husband's achievements on the greens during December.

In the Footscray Park annual Triples Tournament J. Stephens, I. Douglas and G. McNeillage were runners-up. G. Russell, S. Carton and D. Siphthorp finished in fourth position.

Back at home the ladies watched the final of the Al-

tona Golden Bowlers annual Triples Tournament.

This proved to be a very exciting finish with the finalists being 14 all on the last end. It resulted in C. McDonald, G. McNeillage and J. Stephens winning the title. Runners-up were R. Watson, B. Hill and D. Nettleton.

President Mrs. Phyl Stephens and the Committee extend their best wishes to all members for a Happy Christmas and a wish for better health to the members who have been unfortunate in striking a few bad patches this year.

ROTARY EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Altona Rotary Club weekly luncheon yesterday was the final meeting for the year. Members' wives joined the luncheon, other guests included Rotary Exchange Students who will go overseas soon as guests of other Rotary Clubs. Miss Lyn Herrick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Herrick of Laverton and Mr. Trevor Findlay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Len Findlay of Altona. Lyn is a House Captain of Mount St. Joseph's Girls College and Trevor is a Captain of Altona High School.

Lyn will be hosted by the Rotary Club of Cicero, Illinois, U.S.A. and Trevor will be hosted by the Rotary Club of Kidapawan, Philippines.

Lyn and Trevor both briefly spoke and expressed thanks for the opportunity of representing Altona abroad and promised to acquire themselves "creditably" in their new "home" for the next 12 months.

LICENSED CLUB DARTS

Monday night at the St. Kilda Army and Navy Club saw the Grand Final of the Licensed clubs' knock-out competition, finalists being Altona Working Men's Club and Yarraville No. 2. Working Men's running out winners 9 games to 2.

There was quite a good crowd in attendance and their interest in the games was maintained throughout the night by the excellent darts which were thrown. The club are not claiming any records but to decide 1st thrower in one game Doug Stirk and Howard Hoskin both threw bulls twice, Howard pegging 25 on the third throw. Howard won the first leg but Doug came back to win the next two legs in 15 and 11 darts. It is interesting to note that there were 15 scores of 100 or more and over 30 between 70 and 100. Highest start for Working Men's was Ken Kennedy 111 and highest finish Ken Styling, 90. Yarraville highest start George Brighton 92 and highest finish Steve Howson 91. Other high scores were, Working Men's K. Kennedy 11, 123, C. Holton 100, 125, C. Neal 100, D. Stirk 100, 100, 100, K. Styling 100, 100, 100. Yarraville, S. Howson 134, G. Best 100, G. Brighton 101, H. Hoskin 100, A. Wales 100.

The competition was conducted throughout in a very sportsmanlike manner and it has been obvious that all clubs are a hundred percent behind their teams, shown by the excellent support and courteous treatment accorded to players by management and members alike, this augurs well for the future of the competition. One thing that impressed at the Army and Navy Club, was the very thoughtful gesture of presenting brooches to the ladies who have been responsible for handling the catering arrangements at darts functions in their club, congratulations.

Thanks to the President Jack Burnett and Ken Styling for their donation of trophies and to Bob Rose whose keenness and untiring efforts brought this competition into being.

Altona's State Reps. Come 2nd in Interstate Athletics

Second places were gained by the two Altona North High students who competed in the first Australian combined high schools athletics carnival at Lang Park, Brisbane.

David Holdsworth finished second in 3-53.4 to a New South Wales student in the 1500 metres events who won in the time of 3-51.3.

Julie Robertson was second in the high jump won by another Victorian from Dandenong High who jumped 5 feet 4 inches. Julie jumped 5 feet 3 inches but has reached 5' 4" in other competitions.

Elderly Citizens Social Club News

The Christmas dinner for the Elderly Citizens will be held in the Civic Hall, December 19, at 6 p.m. Members are asked to bring their tickets with them.

First prize of the hamper was won by Mrs. V. Dalglish, Maidstone Street, Altona. Ticket No. 621139.

Second prize, Christmas cake, Mrs. N. Binns, 22 Lark Street, Altona. Ticket No. 711.

Third prize, duck, Mrs. J. Rogers, 16 Rayner St., Altona. Ticket No. 218.

The last monthly dance for the year will be held at the club rooms on Saturday, December 21 at 8 p.m. Donation of 30c includes supper, a door prize and monte carlo prizes. It is hoped a good crowd will attend and enjoy a pleasant evening. A party will be held on New Year's Eve.

The meals provided by the Club will finish on December 20, and the club will then close until New Year's Eve, then again for 12 days so the floors can be sanded and polished. This work will commence on January 3. The meals will recommence on January 21, providing the floor is quite finished.

CHURCH FOOTBALLERS ELECT SAME OFFICIALS

Confidence in the officials of the Western Suburbs Churches Colts Football League was expressed at the League's Annual meeting last week when they were re-elected for a further term of office.

They are: President — Mr. Bill Smith; Secretary — Mr. Bill O'Dwyer; Treasurer — Mr. Rod Silk.

In responding to this appointment, Mr. Smith thanked members for their confidence and assured the meeting that he will do his utmost in his efforts for the League.

Following requests from players, parents and club officials, it was decided that the age groups for next season's competition shall be Under 15 and Under 12 years.

The meeting also affirmed that any church or youth group who are desirous of entering the competition in 1969 will be most welcome. Enquiries can be made to Bill Smith on 391-4298 or Cliff Clark on 391-4343.

Altona North was the only Victorian school to have more than one student selected to represent the State.

Victoria won both the boys and girls aggregates and consequently the overall aggregate with a score of 227 points.



ALTONA WORKING MEN'S CLUB COMING EVENTS



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A.M.P. Society Collector Rep. for man aged 25-35. Own car essential. Capable of handling money and running own business. Must be well-known and respected. For appointment to discuss position phone 314-4341.

FOR SALE

WONDERHEAT. Slow combustion briquette heater and fan, excellent condition. Cheap. 108 Pier St. Phone 398-2277.

BUILDING MATERIALS & HARDWARE

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL

Scantlings new purchase, 3 x 1½ \$6, 3 x 2 and 4 x 1½ \$8, 4 x 2 \$10 per 100 ft.

Glass doors from \$26 pair.
2" S.H. galvanised pipe \$2.75 a 12 ft. length.
8' x 4' x 1/8" hardboard \$2.20 a sheet.
5 x 3' hardiflex \$1.24 sheet.

Concrete lawn edging 70c. per 3 ft. length.
Tiled shower tray \$15.

Christmas suggestions:

Dolls 99c, cradles and beds \$3.99, yachts \$2, rubber flippers from \$1, walk and talk doll \$8.50. Bird cage and wrought iron stand \$6.79. Small watering cans \$1.20.

Come and inspect our large showroom.

Paint. Ezyflow \$3.45 per gall., Flatcote \$3.67 per gall. All popular colours.

Season's greetings to our many clients.

Closed public holidays only.

J. S. PHILLIPS & CO.,
142 MASON ST.,
WEST NEWPORT
391-2074.

CHILD'S swing, 4 piece. 2 Boyd Street, Altona.

9 CUB. FT. Westinghouse refrigerator with full width freezer. In good condition. Phone 398-2643.

3 WHEEL BICYCLE suit child, 5 to 8 years. Good order. Phone 398-1891.

CARAVANETTE, sleeps two, \$40. 3 Railway St., Altona.

BOY'S 24 inch bike \$12. C/o E.M. Star office.

BARGAIN. — Caravan 20' tandem. Elect. and water shower recess. Gas fridge, stove, 2 gas bottles. Full annexe. \$900. 242 Queen St., Altona after 6 p.m.

BICYCLES 28", 27", 26", 3 speed gears. 46 McBain St., Altona. Phone 398-1654.

SOIL, top quality Cranbourne, sandy loam. \$24 per 7 yard load. Phone 317-7811.

WANTED TO BUY

Antiques, furniture, TV's washing machines, pianos motor mowers fridges & any clean general household furniture and effects

TOP PRICES
We pick up and pay spot cash.
Call us first.

JIM HYNES AUCTIONS
44 Douglas Pde., W'town.
Phone 397 6841,
A.H.: 314 7157

BUNGALOWS

Sleepouts wired to house complete job.

10 x 10 \$395;
12 x 10 \$430; 14 x 10 \$474
15 x 10 \$510; 16 x 10 \$530
18 x 10, \$560; No Deposit

RING THORSEN'S
BUNGALOWS, 718 2348

CARAVANS

FOR SALE OR HIRE
Agents for Wayfarer Caravans. Portagas and appliances.

1 CHURCHILL ST.,
NORTH WILLIAMSTOWN
(off Kororoit Ck. Rd.)
Contact Sid Hem.
Phone: 397 5232
After Hours: 391 4884

FOR HIRE PER DAY

Electric Concrete Mixers	\$2.00
Petrol Concrete Mixers	2.50
Wheel Barrows	.50
Pop Riveter	1.00
Welders (Elec.)	2.00
Trailers	2.00
Knap Sack Sprays	1.00
Spray Painting Machine	3.00
Electric Drills	1.00
Docking Saw	6.00
½ ton Chain Block	1.00
Water pipe dies	1.00
Vice stand	.50
Party Lights	1.50
Bolt Cutters from A Frame Scaffolds	.50
9 ft. Trestles	.50
Rope Block Tackle	.50
Sash Cramps	.50
Planks	.20
Floor Cramps	.50
Sundry Tools	
Oxy bottles and Gear \$1 hour.	

CHEAPER RATES PER WEEK
12 & 13 Mulga St.
Altona
Phone: 398 2736

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RESULTS

Shire of Altona — Kindergarten Teacher

Applications closing with the Town Clerk at Noon on Friday, January 17, are invited for the position of relieving Kindergarten Teacher at the Kindergarten at 83 Fifth Ave., Altona North for Terms 1 and 2 of 1969.

Health Department or approved qualifications are required — salary at award rate plus Council margin.

JAMES W. WATERS,
Shire Secretary.

**A MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

**and a HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

from the girls



and the boys



LEFT: L. to R. Dawn Keating, Berice Jenkins, Glenys Hope.

RIGHT: Mr. Bob Jenkins (manager) and Mr. Luigi Giramondo.

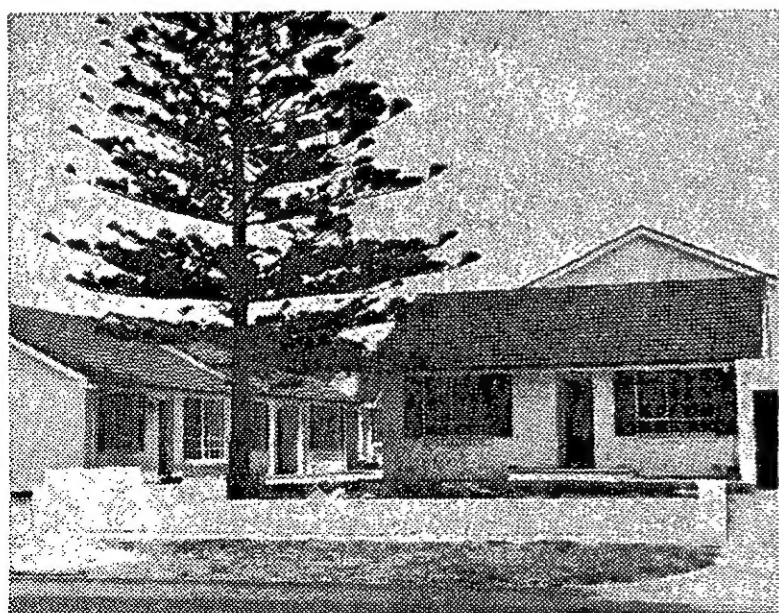
at

JRBuxton
ALTONA OFFICE
No. 1 MILLERS ROAD, ALTONA. 398 1902/3

OPEN FOR INSPECTION OVER CHRISTMAS

By appointment only — Phone 62 2367
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